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The Vale of Glamorgan Council Building Excellence Awards 2019 - read our eight-page supplement, starting on page 19.

'Remarkable community effort' in Cowbridge saved man's life

A LOCAL man who suffered a cardiac arrest in Cowbridge is alive today thanks to a remarkable community effort by people in the town.

As a result he and his family are helping the Welsh Ambulance Service to highlight how important it is to have ready access to an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – commonly referred to as a defibrillator. Terry O'Carroll was enjoying a dinner out in Bar 44 in Cowbridge as part of a family get-together when he was taken ill.

Bar 44 put out a call for help while a staff member ran to The Bear Hotel where the AED was located. In the meantime, Bar 44 diner Kate McPhail – a trained midwife – ran over to check for breathing/pulse. In the Duke of Wellington, staff took the call and the singer interrupted his act to say the time-honoured phrase: "Is there a doctor in the house?" Christine Clarke was enjoying a drink and, as she was medically trained, she sprinted the short distance to Bar 44 and gave cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to Terry. Max, from Bar 44, returned with the AED and Christine was able to use it on Terry. She continued CPR until the ambulance arrived.

Terry said: "I have no recollection of what happened. I remember being at Bar 44, our favourite eating place, and then waking up in Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend.

"Apparently I left this world for a minute, a minute-and-half maybe. But the right people were in the right place at the right time. They saved my life, no doubt about it.

"Whatever the support is needed to get these defib machines in as many convenient places as possible, we should try and do it. Everyone should dig deep in their pockets to make it happen."

The Bear Hotel's AED is located in a Public Access Defibrillation Scheme (PADS) site, a nationwide network of locations where AEDs are available for use by members of the public or staff in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest.

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Many of those who helped in the recovery of Terry O'Carroll (wearing light slacks) gathered last year to wish him well.

Group reports 'overwhelming support' against proposed multi-storey development

FOLLOWING a petition-signing session last Saturday, a local group against proposals for a 48-dwelling development in Cowbridge reports "overwhelming support" from the town in its campaign.

The group – made up of residents of Aberthin Road and Millfield Drive – objects to the proposed redevelopment of the Old Sixth Form on Aberthin Road.

Housing association Hafod released plans late last year to demolish the existing buildings and replace them with a series of buildings up to four storeys high comprising 48 dwellings.

The apex of the roof will be approximately level with the A48 flyover, and is likely to overshadow the homes of nearby residents.

One of the group's concerns is the land is earmarked for a property development under the most recent local development plan (LDP) for the Vale, but residents say only 20 dwellings were planned.

The spokesperson said that a further 567 signatures were added on the day, bringing the total at the time of writing to more than 1,700.

The spokesperson told The GEM that many residents only became aware of the proposals because of an advertisement in last week's edition.

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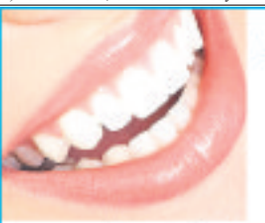

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'New building will be out of place'

HOW right Roger Bradshaw is (GEM letters, January 10).

The proposed Exchange Building is to be built in one of the most historic parts of Cowbridge.

It is right against part of the old town wall (into which the Market Place Restaurant is built).

Across the street is the former Eagle Academy and Woodstock House and to the west is the former town workhouse and Globe Inn (now Butts Cottages) built in 1754.

All are listed buildings.

The proposed new Exchange building would look totally out of place. If another coffee shop is really needed there is surely a suitable site, as first mooted, on the existing market park.

I realise that knocking down the old market buildings will free up more car parking space, but with nearly 500 houses to be built on Darren Farm, every extra parking space will be wanted. This is not the time to be building on them as the Exchange building proponents wish.

Michael Clay, Cowbridge.

Spotlight on lamppost issues

OVER the last four years, I have been in touch with the Vale Council about the installation of a dropped kerb on Severn Avenue.

About five weeks ago, while enquiring about progress with the kerb, I reported a street lamp that has been on continually for about three months on Severn Avenue.

At the time of writing, the street lamp is still on.

About a fortnight ago, the council turned up and hacked down the lamppost next to it, which was working perfectly well.

Severn Avenue is one of the roads in the Vale where the lights are turned off from 1am to 6am to save energy; the only energy they are saving is from the men who repair the lights.

Richard Enos, Barry.

'The Welsh Government is well funded'

MR Jefferson's letter in the January 3 edition of The GEM on the subject of Welsh Government funding failed to note that for every £100 spent in England on total departmental budgets partially or wholly devolved to Wales, £120 is now given to the Welsh Government as its block grant.

And, thanks to Alun Cairns' work as Secretary of State for Wales, there is a funding floor of 115 per cent for the relative block grant.

This means that not only is the Welsh Government well-funded by the UK Government, its high level of funding is guaranteed into the future.

It is flat out untrue to claim that the Welsh Government is underfunded by the UK Government. Instead, we should hold the Labour Welsh Government to account for mismanagement of this considerable financial settlement.

Ross England, Vale of Glamorgan

Hafod's proposed development in Cowbridge is 'too large and too ugly' says reader

THE proposal to construct 48 social rental units on the old sixth form site (girls' grammar school) at Aberthin Road, Cowbridge.

If it is inevitable that the old school has to be demolished then surely something of a lower profile should replace it, something which would be in keeping with the adjoining properties and enhance the north/Aberthin Road entrance into Cowbridge.

This proposal, which is too large, too ugly and would be a visible eyesore will do the opposite.

It would be in everybody's interest to try and improve the look of the area not destroy it.

I would also be interested to know how the covenant that was on this building/land was circumnavigated, as I was told that the land, left in trust, was to be used for education purposes only!

CJ Wilkin, Welsh St Donats.

The GEM contacted the Sir Thomas Mansel Franklen Trust for comment.

A spokesperson responded: *"There is in fact no covenant restricting the use of the land, as can be confirmed by inspecting the register at the Land Registry. However the land is subject to charitable trusts and the Charity Commission has directed that the proceeds of sale should be held by the Sir Thomas Mansel Franklen Trust.*

"The objects of that trust are, essentially, to use the income of the fund for the benefit of Cowbridge Comprehensive School and its past and present pupils."

'Vale Council is determined to ruin the Vale'

HAVING attended Cowbridge High School for Girls as a pupil, then as a student teacher learning my profession, I feel impelled to object strongly to the loss of such an imposing, beautiful, historic building and in its place building an ugly series of flats.

Does the planning department (of the Vale Council) have no understanding and appreciation of our heritage? I suggest that they build their flats on 'brown' land where they would 'fit in'.

This is just a further example of their determination to ruin our Vale.

BM Glover, Llantwit Major.

Reader's rant over Danter's disgrace

WHAT is it with the annual 'Have a go at Henry Danter' campaign and his eyesore of rubbish at Barry Island.

Do the council need more money out of him again as The GEM reminded us he was ordered to pay £35,000 in fines and costs in 2018 (GEM note: his Treasure Island arcade building breached planning regulations).

I would hate to think of what the site would be like if he had not brought the business in 2015 and spent a couple of million pounds of his own money on it to what is there today.

If social media wants to look for eyesores, the old toilets up the other end of the promenade not exactly looking very nice at the moment, doesn't that look a mess. I'm sure Henry is good for his word and that it will be cleaned up ready for tarmacking. I remember when the travellers were ordered to leave the Dinas Powys sports field last year and the mess they left for the taxpayer to clean up, probably the only reason the council are not fining Mr Danter again. How about giving the man a pat on the back for a change instead of the constant complaints. Rant over.

Dave Arnell-Smith, Rhoose.

'Politicians are ignoring environmental concern'

I NOTED Mr A Cairns' (MP) and Jane Hutt's (AM) postings of their 'reasons to be cheerful' list for Vale residents in 2019 – summarised in editions of The GEM.

Their perspective: all sunshine and congratulations; content to skip over the realities of what decision makers sanctioned during 2018: Barry Docks – the Biomass incinerator (Biomass Power Plant) gearing-up for full production; coastal waters - 'nuclear mud' dumped on our doorstep.

Ignore these issues if you will, but the potential impact these actions may have on the welfare of local residents and beyond, is coming. It will be in the air we breathe and the water where we bathe.

Ronald Davies, Barry.

Reader's thanks

I WAS walking at Barry Island last Friday lunchtime when I lost my blind/deaf dog.

He was later found at Nell's Point car park by a kind gentleman who carried him patiently around the area until we were thankfully reunited.

I feel at the time I was not able to convey my gratitude adequately, and would like to use your letters page to convey my sincere thanks to the gentleman in question.

Name and address supplied.

Lord's Taverners help SEN children access activities

I'M writing on behalf of the Lord's Taverners, the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity. I'd like to take the opportunity to remind all Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools and organisations in Wales of the support we offer.

Our particular focus is supporting schools and organisations that work with children, who have learning difficulties or physical disabilities. This includes providing specially adapted minibuses, as well as playground equipment that is tailored to the needs of these pupils.

Today, many SEN schools struggle obtaining transport that is accessible to their students. Since 1976, the Lord's Taverners has donated over 1,200 minibuses, of which 76 have gone to SEN schools in Wales.

Our iconic green minibuses are there to provide young people with transport opportunities that take them out into their communities and help them access sporting and recreational activities outside their school environment. They are also there to support the school's wider curriculum and help develop life skills.

The minibuses have become far more than a means of transportation – they help young people with special educational needs to engage with their communities and experience new environments.

We believe such experiences are essential to help young people develop crucial life skills, independence and confidence.

Applications for our wheelchair-accessible minibuses are now open, and forms can be accessed on our website.

For more information visit: www.lordstaverners.org/ or call 02920 343940.

Ed Meggitt, chairman, Lord's Taverners.

'Threatened pub is part of the community'

I have been reading about the proposal to close the Master Mariner in Barry and I want to tell you that every Thursday there is a club for people with learning disabilities, organised by the Vale People First organisation.

It is our local public pub, people are friendly, and it is now part of our family. I want keep this pub for a long time.

Ian Swannick

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL JANUARY 24)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
17 Thur	02.23	7.8	14.58	8.1
18 Fri	03.33	8.3	15.59	8.6
19 Sat	04.34	8.9	17.02	9.2
20 Sun	05.28	9.5	17.57	9.7
21 Mon	06.21	10.1	18.48	10.3
22 Tues	07.11	10.4	19.37	10.5
23 Wed	07.58	10.6	20.24	10.5
24 Thur	08.45	10.5	21.12	10.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Ava's haircut to benefit Little Princess Trust

AVA Richards aged nine, recently decided to have 13 inches cut off her hair at Marooned Hair Salon in Cowbridge on January 12 and donate it to The Little Princess Trust.

This is the second time that Ava has helped the charity, as she had her hair cut to raise funds when she was six.

With fundraising, Ava has raised more than £250, with donations still coming in.

Ava's mother, Lindsey Wegner, said: "We are so incredibly proud of Ava."

Fundraising for cancer charity

WHEN Jill Carpenter found out her friend Marilyn had cancer, she felt the need to do something.

Talking to her staff at Tesco Express in Cowbridge, they came up with the idea to hold a Christmas raffle in aid of Golau Cancer Foundation based in Singleton Hospital, Swansea where Marilyn is receiving treatment.

Team Leader Laura went to a number of shops up and down the High Street to ask for donations.

Vouchers, clothing, jewellery, toys and more were donated, and when the prize was drawn on December 22, £1,131 had been raised.

Laura Williams

Phone box becomes a 'hygiene bank'

THE St Hilary Christmas telephone box has been dismantled and transformed again.

It is now a drop-off point for a 'hygiene bank', a charity that collects donations of toiletries for families and individuals in need. Toiletries, which could include unwanted Christmas gifts, must be new, unopened and in date.

As an example they could include shower cream, toothpaste and toothbrushes, sanitary pads, nappies, cotton wool balls, deodorant, shaving cream, soap, washing powder etc.

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Big Screen

BIG Screen's first film for 2019 is The Children Act (Cert 12A) on Thursday, January 24 at 7.30pm in Cowbridge Town Hall.

A moving film based on the novel by Ian McEwan shows British High Court judge Fiona Maye (Emma Thompson) as she struggles with her marriage to Jack (Stanley Tucci).

She has a life-changing decision to make at work: should she force a teenage boy, Adam, to have the blood transfusion that will save his life?

Her unorthodox visit to his hospital bedside has a profound impact on them both, stirring strong new emotions in the boy and long-buried feelings in her.

This is probably Emma Thompson's greatest performance so far and is unmissable.

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets (£4) available in advance from the Town Clerk's office or on the door.

RB

Cannibals on menu for Cowbridge U3A

Cowbridge U3A members were given a heads-up on the islands.

THOSE interested in World War II will associate Guadalcanal and the other Solomon Islands with the bloody Pacific conflict between Japan and the USA, but may know little else about the archipelago.

Cowbridge U3A was fortunate recently to be regaled with the illustrated story of the Solomon Islands by member Rob Cumbes, who, with his family, had spent five years there, based on Guadalcanal.

U3A members forgot any illusions of a tropical paradise. The islands sit on the Pacific 'ring of fire' and risk earthquakes, although cyclones usually miss them. There are three active volcanoes. Few roads traverse the almost impenetrable tropical forests on the islands. The climate is warm, with two seasons, described as 'wet and wetter'. Malaria is rife, there are saltwater crocodiles up to 10 feet long and, because the surrounding seas are abundant in fish, sharks are plentiful; the two predators mentioned take an annual toll of the unwary and the unlucky.

These islands have a reported history of cannibalism.

Next meeting will be a talk entitled 'The Land of Song' by Dean Powell at 2pm on Wednesday, February 13 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments.

See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridgemore details.

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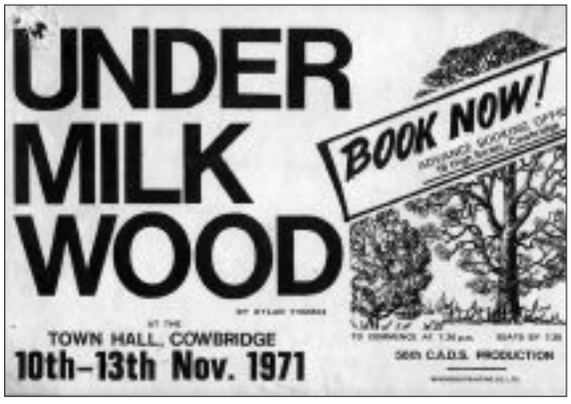

ABOVE: Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society's 1971 offering.

ABOVE: The start of a children's race during Cowbridge Carnival.

COWBRIDGE History Society's archive room has been up and running in room 5 Old Hall on Wednesday mornings between 10am and 12pm for the past nine years and it receives visitors and enquiries from all over the world.

This huge paper archive (as opposed to the artefacts displayed in Cowbridge Museum) has been digitised and can now be viewed on the computer in the History Room by anyone who prefers to look at it in this form.

Now that Cowbridge library holds a copy of the digital archive, it is far more accessible. Anyone visiting the library can ask to view it there and will find photographs and information on buildings, people, events, aerial views, clubs, businesses, census returns, street directories etc for Cowbridge and Llanblethian, and for other villages in our surrounding area.

The archive is being added to all the time. Among the most recent items handed in are three Cowbridge Dramatic Society scrapbooks from 1932 through to 1976. These will soon be passed to Glamorgan Record Office for professional keeping, having been scanned into our digital archive, but if anyone has a particular interest in seeing the actual scrapbooks they can contact me on 01446 773373.

We have also had a wad of photos of people taking part in the 1974 Cowbridge carnival – again they are now in the digital archive. You might well recognise yourself in costume or kicking a football on that day!

Betty Alden

Community effort saves man's life in Cowbridge

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Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust has trained more than 8,000 volunteers to operate more than 1,130 AEDs funded by Welsh Government, charities or individuals. The service also runs an annual campaign via social media in February, called Defibuary, to encourage people to find out where their nearest defibrillator is and how to use it in a life-threatening emergency. Mr O'Carroll's family has now called for more defibrillators to be fitted in public areas around Wales.

Terry's son Dominic, who was also at the get-together when his father was ill, paid tribute to the actions of the public and restaurant staff.

He said: "What they all did that night was absolutely fantastic and without any shadow of a doubt they saved his life. With extreme luck people with medical training came to our aid. Then the speed that the Welsh Ambulance paramedics got there was quite remarkable too. They picked up the red alert call and were there rapidly."

Over 30,000 people suffer cardiac arrests out of hospital in the UK every year, while in 2017 there were 9,800 hospital visits in Wales attributed to a heart attack or cardiac arrest. For every minute without CPR and defibrillation a person's chance of survival decreases by 10 per cent.

It is the second time the AED at The Bear Hotel has been used to help save a life.

Dominic added: "You don't even have to be qualified to use a defib, it's so intuitive. Even if you have no training, you can do something. I went back to my golf club and asked about a defib, and then said 'Oh, I think we've got one somewhere.' It's important to know."

AEDs are now accessible in places such as railway stations, leisure centres and even on the top of Snowdon. The NHS Direct website can help you find your nearest AED. Click here to view a map: www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/LocalServices/?s=DefibrillatorLocations.

To become a member of a PADS user group, volunteers undertake two hours of training which teaches them how to administer the AED and carry out basic life-support skills. It is not essential to have training to use an AED but it will be helpful in the event of an emergency.

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Glyn's memories at Probus Club

THE first of two speakers, our own Glyn Rixon, whose talk, entitled 'Memories of Pembrokeshire' gave us a 30 minute journey of his boyhood memories growing up in a small village with one shop, no electricity just paraffin lamps for lighting, and his early schooldays when the younger children were escorted to school by older pupils.

Glyn drew the raffle, Jeffrey Robinson being the winner; he asked for it to be drawn again, having won recently, winner this time being Bob Bevington.

Our second speaker was Cllr Dr David Ellis who came to give us a talk on the workings of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Formed in 1982 from a Home Office initiative to provide strong, friendly active groups caring for others to make antisocial behaviour and crime less likely to occur.

Next month's meeting on February 12 is the AGM and secretary reminded members to notify him in writing of any items they wished to be on included on the agenda ten days before the meeting.

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Protest group receives support against housing development

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The spokesperson said: "Many commented that they had come into the town specifically to learn more about the development and pledge their support by signing the petition and finding out how to object direct to the Vale Council.

"There was a clear message from the residents that the building itself should be saved and redeveloped, as suggested in the LDP."

Many were reportedly "shocked" about the height and scale of the development.

"People are also concerned about the impact that this will have on the privacy of the neighbouring houses and had concerns over the lack of parking provision or consideration to the impact on the congestion problems on Aberthin Road.

Another concern raised by the group is what would be the destruction of a historic building.

The spokesperson said that the school was one of only two that was built specifically for the education of girls in response to the Welsh Intermediate Education Act of 1889.

ABOVE: Signing the petition outside Cafe Nero

A spokesperson for Cadw told The GEM that applications for the building to be listed had been received.

The campaign has not, however, met with universal approval.

One Twitter user referred to all those protesting as "middle-class Nimbys', while another has claimed that campaigning against the proposals is "social apartheid" and "class war".

The GEM invited the writer to submit a letter, but they declined, saying, perhaps not understanding the concept of media objectivity, "I doubt that you'll print my full Socialist response."

The Aberthin Road and Millfield Drive group's spokesperson said: "A small number from the group met with Alun Cairns MP to discuss their concerns over the development and the planning policies it is clearly in breach of.

"The meeting was very constructive and the next phase of the campaign will be released shortly."

The group will be outside Caffé Nero again on Saturday, January 19 from 10am until 4pm.

The deadline for direct objections to the planning department of the Vale Council is January 24, and emails can be sent to *developmentcontrol@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk*, or by post to Head of Planning and Transportation, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU."

The spokesperson added that objections can also be made online by visiting *www.vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/PlaRecord.aspx?AppNo=2018/01408/FUL*.

‘Festive fine upset my Christmas’– Woman is fined after leaving waste at council tip

A busy Barry mum was threatened with a fine or court appearance after a bizarre visit to the Vale Council’s recycling plant.

Mum of three, Mrs Nicola Pruce, who strives to be as environmentally friendly as possible, visited the plant on Wednesday, December 19.

She thought it would be a simple task – disposing of wood, a child’s rug and branches scattered on her road, along with a transparent bag of rubbish from her car containing sweet wrappers, a box from a paint manufacturer and a drink can.

There were no problems with the wood, rug and branches but an issue later cropped up with the transparent bag.

The saga began with a strange discussion with one of the men at the plant.

Mrs Pruce explained: “I took a photo of a toy kitchen in a skip – I was just about to go and buy exactly the same one up at the Early Learning Centre at Culverhouse Cross.

“A man came over and said I couldn’t take the photo. I stood up for myself and insisted I was allowed to.”

Mrs Pruce thinks the man believed – wrongly – that she took the image to show he wasn’t doing his job correctly. She wasn’t and she says the council later confirmed that there was no problem with her taking the photo.

“I disposed of my waste responsibly at the recycling centre, but after I left, my waste was moved from the skip by someone and dumped elsewhere within the centre and an enforcement officer called in.”

She received a very unpleasant shock just before Christmas: “A letter was issued to my home address by 3GS. It alleged that I had committed a criminal offence of ‘failing to control my waste’.

“I was given an opportunity to pay a £100 fine or go to court and face a much larger fine, court costs and a criminal conviction that could have ended my career.”

She suspected someone had moved her waste to another place to cause mischief after the photo incident.

The Vale Council told The GEM this week that there was no evidence to suggest that someone at the recycling plant had deliberately moved the bag to an inappropriate location.

The phrase ‘failing to control waste’ was so vague Mrs Pruce was baffled as to what the problem was. She spent Christmas worrying about whether she would have to go to court because she wasn’t prepared to pay the fine as she had done nothing wrong.

“There is absolutely no right of appeal on the fine and I was told by the council that no one would discuss the matter with me.

“I tried to speak to 3GS, but they blamed the council and the council blamed them.”

While Mrs Pruce protested her innocence, she had to deal with three organisations, the Vale Council, environmental enforcement company 3GS and the site contractors FCC. She also contacted local MP Alun Cairns who promised to raise the issue with the council.

Last week the Vale Council suspended the fine and later rescinded it.

Mrs Pruce asked to see CCTV footage of her visit to the recycling plant, showing what happened after she put the bag in the skip. She thinks a notice was issued to her address because they found a receipt from the paint company in the bag.

She was told CCTV images can only be released to a police officer undertaking an investigation.

Mrs Pruce said: “The council said they had revoked the fine because the ‘fly tipping’ had taken place inside the recycling centre rather than outside it.

“I feel that this is an appallingly way to treat hard-working families who are doing their very best for the environment.

“I wanted to highlight what happened because I don’t want other Vale residents who are recycling to suffer a similar experience.”

A Vale Council spokesperson apologised for what happened and said procedures would be reviewed.

He explained: “As a result of people simply discarding waste at our recycling centres rather than placing items in the appropriate area it has on occasion been necessary to call in our environmental enforcement partners 3GS to address the issue.

“We acknowledge that was not the right approach in this instance and the fixed penalty notice issued to Ms Pruce has been rescinded.

“We’d like to apologise for this incident and the upset it has caused Ms Pruce and will be writing to her to formally express those sentiments.

“We understand 3GS have also done so and will be reviewing their procedures in light of this matter.

“We will undertake a similar review with contractors FCC who operate the household waste and recycling centre in question in an effort to ensure such an incident will not be repeated.

“However, it is important to note that there is absolutely no evidence to indicate a member of staff at the recycling centre deliberately placed Ms Pruce’s waste in an inappropriate location and we completely reject that suggestion.”

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Taxi fares are all set to change in county borough

TAXI fares will rise in Bridgend county borough this week after a new pricing proposal suggested by licensed drivers was agreed.

A number of taxi drivers have argued that fares should be increased for the first time since 2011, due to the rise in cost of living, coupled with the cost of running their vehicles.

In October, after considering four alternative pricing structures put forward by drivers, cabinet members from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) agreed with the option which had the most support from the trade.

The chosen option suggested that, for one to four passengers, the daytime ‘pick up rate’ which covers the first half mile of a journey should be raised by 30p to become £2.80 instead of £2.50. After this distance, the fares would increase by 20p every tenth of a mile as opposed to every eighth of a mile.

Fares would remain more expensive between the hours of 8pm and 6am, as well as on Bank Holidays and Christmas Day. Drivers were also keen for the soiling charge to increase to £125.

The proposal was advertised by the council in November as a public notice, giving local residents the chance to raise any concerns. The fare changes have now been approved and will come into effect from Monday, January 14.

Cllr Dhanisha Patel, a member of the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee which covers licensing matters, said: “Drivers were keen to see a slight fare change as they have been telling us that they face larger outlays before they can start to earn a living. However, it was important to strike a balance, bearing in mind that taxis should remain affordable for the public, especially those who depend on them.

“If you compare the taxi fares between all 370 local authorities across the country, Bridgend county borough is currently the 331st most expensive area to hail a taxi, at £4.90 for a two-mile journey. The most expensive fare can be found in Watford, where a two-mile journey costs £8.40.

“Under the new fare rate, a two-mile journey here will cost £5.80, which will put us in roughly the middle at 198th most expensive, which is still cheaper than the Vale and Cardiff.”

All of the taxis, also known as hackney carriages, that are licensed by BCBC can be hailed from the street, operate from taxi ranks, or be pre-booked if required. Their pricing structures differ from those for private hire vehicles, which always need to be pre-booked and cannot be flagged down.

Lions Reindeer Parade collection

LLANTWIT Major and Cowbridge Lions, together with Friends of Lions and Cowbridge Rotary, have announced the monies donated from the reindeer parade.

This year £1,400 was collected. Donations were distributed as follows.

Cowbridge Rotary - £300; Cowbridge Monday Club - £200; Cowbridge Barnardo’s - £100; Cowbridge Poppy Appeal - £200; Cylch Meithrin Y; Bont Faen - £250; Vale Samaritans - £100; Vale Foodbank - £500. **JW**

Vale by-elections

TWO by-elections take place in the Vale on Thursday, February 14.

One, for a seat on the Vale Council, takes place in Rhoose Ward and a second takes place for a position on Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council.

Registered electors in Rhoose and Llanblethian East Ward should receive polling cards soon. The candidates will be announced on Monday, January 21.

A traditional farmhouse breakfast in Cowbridge

A FARMERS’ Union of Wales (FUW) ‘farmhouse breakfast’ will be served up on Friday, January 25, in Cowbridge Town Hall.

It’s one of a series of breakfasts taking place that week in south Wales.

Rachel Saunders of the Glamorgan FUW said: “It is about showcasing the most important meal of the day in a bid to raise awareness of the health and nutritional benefits of breakfast and the huge variety of top quality farm produce available in Wales.

“The breakfasts will start at 8.30am and will cost £10 per person, with all the proceeds being split between Alzheimer’s Society Cymru and Farming Community Network”.

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Search for bulldogs goes on...

by Chief Inspector for the Vale, Tony Williams

WE are continuing to appeal for information after a burglary in Hillary Rise, Barry, in which 11 French bulldogs were stolen on January 4, which included five adults and six puppies.

This is of course, very distressing for the owners of these dogs, and we would urge anyone who may have been offered any dogs for sale to please call us on 101 reference 1900004131. While we don't want to alarm anyone, I'd like to encourage the public to take all steps available to them to try and minimise the risk of them falling victim to burglars.

We have seen an increases in thefts from motor vehicles in the past fortnight in Barry. A number of the vehicles were insecure.

Ensuring the windows and doors of your home and car are securely locked, installing alarms and CCTV in your home, and keeping valuable items out of sight can all act as a deterrent to burglars.

I am pleased to say, a prolific offender was jailed for four years and eight months earlier this month for a number of burglaries in Barry and other offences.

Operations to combat shoplifters were also carried out in Barry and Penarth in the run up to the festive period.

The reassurance engagement vehicle was located in Holton Road, Barry, every day in the run up to Christmas, which allowed traders and members of the community to chat to officers about their concerns. This visibility of officers also acts as a deterrent to would be shoplifters. As part of this operation two prolific Barry offenders were arrested and charged with more than 20 counts of shoplifting.

As ever, if you have any concerns about crime and policing in your area, then please get in contact with your local officers or to report anything call 101.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, January 20, walk around Gileston; meet at Gileston beach car park (CF62 4HX) at 2pm.

On Wednesday, January 23, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at the Bridge Cafe car park, Cold Knap, Barry at 10.30am.

The same day, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge meet at the Physic Garden fountain at 2.30pm.

On Thursday, January 24, meet at Porthkerry Country Park in the cafe car park at 10am for a woodlands, park and coast walk.

Fly tippers target Cowbridge Common

FLY tippers have struck once again in the Cowbridge area, this time dumping car windscreens on the common above Aberthin.

A local resident took the photograph, and told The GEM that he was "shocked" that, on top of dumping the windscreens, the fly tippers had smashed the screens, leaving small shards scattered around that would be difficult to clear way, and which would be dangerous to animals.

He said that it was a popular spot for dog walkers, and added that he had reported it to the Vale Council.

Colin Smith of the Vale Council, said: "The council is aware of this incident and officers have been sent to clear the waste.

"Fly-tipping is a crime and anyone found to be committing this type of offence could face serious consequences. These include being issued with a fixed penalty notice, prosecution, fines of up to £50,000, or even imprisonment."

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Town council invites nominations for 'Citizen of the Year'

DO you know somebody who lives, works or attends school in Llantwit Major who has gone 'above and beyond' during 2018 and deserves recognition for all their endeavours?

Llantwit Major Town Council is holding its Citizen of the Year awards in April. If you would like to nominate an individual or team, who make a difference to our town, please submit a nomination form. Forms can be collected from the Town Hall or downloaded from our website – www.llantwitmajortowncouncil.gov.uk

Categories up for awards are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sports Personality of the Year, Business or Organisation, Service to the Community Award, Award for outstanding Fundraising for Charity or Local Organisation.

The closing date for nominations is February 28 and the ceremony will be held in the Llantonian Hall on Saturday, April 6.

Llantwit Major Town Council

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WI throws its weight behind the campaign for better bus services in county borough

IT only seems to be five minutes ago that I was wishing everyone 'Happy New 2018' and yet here we are already two weeks into 2019! Where does the time go?

Anyway, on to the business of the month – Resolutions! The first meeting of the year is always the point when WI members nationwide are given the opportunity to have their say on which resolution to be taken forward as a national campaign by the National Federation of Women's Institutes later in the year.

On January 10, 40 members of Sker WI met to do just that. As usual there were six resolutions to consider. Topics were wide and varied covering issues such as 'Improving Plant Biosecurity in the UK' and 'Don't Fear the Smear'.

This year, however, there was a unanimous vote in favour of a resolution that chimed very strongly with members of Sker WI, a topic that I have no doubt will be echoed by many of my readers.

The resolution that Sker WI chose was 'A Call Against The Decline in Local Bus Services'. This resolution highlights the massive nationwide decline in the number of bus routes, particularly in rural and semi-rural areas. The resolution calls on the 'Government and local authorities to increase subsidies and work in partnership with bus companies and community transport operators to enable an adequate provision of services.'

It is argued that this strategy is necessary in order to help alleviate loneliness, improve health and well-being and promote sustainable development.

As a community Porthcawl, along with many neighbouring towns, is facing such a massive reduction in bus routes that some areas will have no bus service at all. This will have severe consequences for some of our more vulnerable citizens, and is a great cause for concern for many people who have not got the financial resources for private cars or taxis and may not be eligible for the community transport service. Those who may be eligible for this service may not know how to access it anyway.

With the imminent relocation of the town's GPs from the town centre to the new health centre in Newton, many of Sker WI's members voiced concern that the curtailment of some of the more crucial bus routes is going to coincide with the opening of the health centre and that this will inevitably cause worry and disruption to many patients.

Hopefully, the situation regarding adequate public transport links can be reconsidered before too long and access to an efficient and effective public transport service is once again seen as something that is necessary to the well-being of the community at large, and not just as an expensive luxury that can be the first service to be hit when the time comes.

From its beginning in 1915, the Women's Institute has been a campaigning organisation. I am proud to see that Sker WI is happy to continue in that same proud tradition.

Sker WI meets at 7pm at St David's church hall, Nottage village on the second Thursday of the month. You can find out more at our Facebook page: SkerWI@NottageVillage

Christine Beynon

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. 01656 860303.

THE Treoes hall annual charity event in aid of Princess of Wales y Bwthyn Hospice, this event will take place on Saturday, January 26.

Doors open at 7.30pm, music starts at 8pm.

An evening of glitz and glamour: wear casual or break out your party/glam outfits if you wish.

Bill Davies and his swing band

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Saron Chapel Treos

The next service at Saron will take place on Sunday, January 20 at 3pm.

Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

‘I want to go to graveyard where his ashes were scattered’ - Serbian man seeks answers on emotional trip to Pontypridd

A SERBIAN man will travel in the footsteps of his grandfather when he visits south Wales this February.

Three years ago, The GEM told the story of Slobodan Erdeljan who was desperate to find out what had happened to his grandfather Danilo Ljubenko who escaped from Belgrade during a civil conflict at the time of the Second World War and fled to the sanctuary of the UK.

Over the years, the family received infrequent letters and photos from Pontypridd – and then they stopped.

Mr Erdeljan and his family were anxious to find out what had happened to Mr Ljubenko.

People in south Wales saw the GEM story and got in touch with Mr Erdeljan.

They said his grandfather was known in Pontypridd as ‘Danny’ and he died in 1985 from an industrial disease after working as a miner.

Mr Erdeljan understands Mr Ljubenko stayed in a hostel when he first arrived in south Wales and later lived as a tenant at Howell Street, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd.

Mr Erdeljan, aged 28, said: “My parents, but especially my grandmother, who died a few months ago, always wondered what happened to him.

“The thing is we’ve always been quite a modest family so we were never in a position to investigate or research what became of him, and where he might be.

“I now have my visa and will arrive in London on February 21. I am planning to visit Howell Street.

“I will try to research a bit during my visit. I am planning to visit places like the local church and library where I could find out something about him.

“I also want to go to the graveyard where his ashes were scattered.”

Mr Erdeljan is a big football supporter and hopes to visit a couple of stadiums during his trip.

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Danilo Ljubenko sent this photo back to his family in Belgrade. It was dated June 4, 1949.

Slobodan Erdeljan’s journey to Pontypridd this February will be an emotional one.

‘We’ll always have… the Sully Community Cinema’

QUIZ time:

Which film features these lines?

“Round up the usual suspects.”

“Louie, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.”

“Might as well be frank, monsieur. It would take a miracle to get you out of Casablanca, and the Germans have outlawed miracles.”

“We’ll always have Paris.”

It is, of course, Casablanca.

Regarded as one of the greatest, and certainly most quotable, films, the 1942 masterpiece will be presented by Sully Community Cinema at The Old School Community Centre on Wednesday, February 13, just in time for Valentine’s Day.

If you have not seen this film – starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains – then this is a perfect opportunity to do so. Even if you have, it is a film that stands (in fact, in the opinion of The GEM, demands) repeated viewings.

A spokesperson for Sully Community Cinema said: “Doors open at 7pm and we will welcome people with free drinks, chocolates and live piano.

“The film will start at 7.30pm, and tickets cost just £4, and partners enter free!”

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Search for descendants of World War One POWs 100 years after their repatriation

A Penarth historian is searching for the descendants of 46 Penarth men who were taken as prisoners of war during the First World War and who were repatriated just over 100 years ago.

Thomas Wallace.

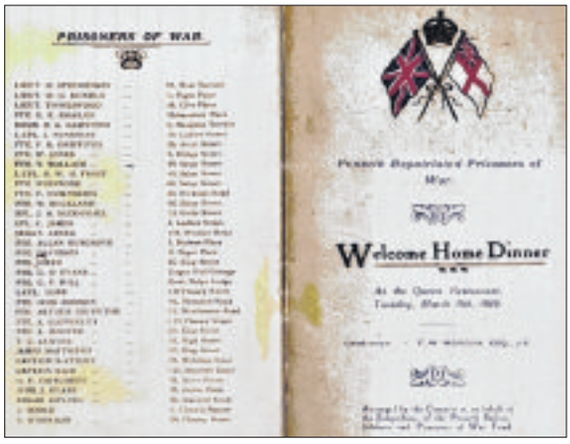
Bruce Wallace, who comes from Penarth, but now lives near Carmarthen, has been researching the lives of the men after discovering his grandfather's name on a list of repatriated prisoners which appeared in the press a couple of years ago.

The list was on the menu card for The Penarth Repatriated POWs Welcome Home Dinner, hosted by the local council in the Queen Restaurant, 1 Royal Buildings, Windsor Road (now the Etc Restaurant) on March 11, 1919.

Mr Wallace said: "Until I saw the menu card, I wasn't even sure my grandfather had been a POW; it was just a family rumour. The card contained the names and addresses of 35 repatriated POWs and my grandfather, Tom Wallace of 49 Salop Street, was one of them. I am grateful to Dorothy Foulkes for providing a copy of the menu card.

"Since then, I have located my grandfather's POW file online and built up a picture of his journey from the trenches at Monchy (Arras) in France to Dulmen Camp in Germany. He spent the last 15 months of the war there with over 5,000 other prisoners.

"I do not know how it affected my grandfather but just a month after the 1919 dinner, he got married to Phoebe Anne Jackson. She must have worked hard to make a normal life for him because together they successfully raised a family, and Tom lived well into his 70s."



The names of the released and repatriated men. For a better image, visit www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

Mr Wallace has also acquired the text from articles that appeared in the the local press between 1914 and 1919 which relate to POWs. These were compiled by Marcus Payne, former head librarian at Penarth Library. The articles refer to many of the men who attended the 1919 dinner, but they also name a further 11 Penarth men. Three of them died in German POW camps before the war ended.

Many of the newspaper articles refer to POWs having received food and clothes parcels from Penarth, via the Red Cross. More than 4,000 of these were provided by the Penarth Parcels for Prisoners of War Fund, started by Catherine Meazey, who was later assisted by her husband Jonathan Meazey and their daughter.

Some of the returning POWs said that but for these parcels, they would not have survived their internment.

Among the 46 Penarth residents known to have been POWs were 31 soldiers, five Royal Navy men, one RAF pilot and four civilians; the status of the other five is unknown. Nine of the men came from Plassey Street and Salop Street in Penarth.

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**For the full text of this piece, and the names and addresses*

Vale Photographic Club's exhibition opens in Cowbridge

AFTER a break for Christmas and New Year we were back at Ystradowen community hall, this time for a travelogue presentation by our very own Pamela Lewis, ably supported by husband Cled.

The show was in two parts, Myanmar (Burma) and India. It never ceases to amaze me how adventurous these two are, going to far-flung corners of the world that I consider beyond my capability. It was an excellent evening. The colours and sights in the presentation brightened up an otherwise dull January day.

The second presentation of the month by Johnnie Rogers explained all about the 'Magic of Monochrome'. After a while taking photographs it becomes clear that removing the distraction of colour can often make a stronger image.

However, there is more to it than simply desaturating the colour using phone apps. Johnnie helped us all understand what it is that is needed to get the most out of a monochrome image.

So what do we have to look forward to in the coming weeks? Well, we have an Image Clinic to which you can bring images that you think are good, but could do with a little something to take them up a step.

Other members will give their thoughts on what could be achieved with a few tweaks to maybe lift them to Welsh Salon standard or higher. Why not make it your New Year's resolution to make better pictures – come along and see how we can help.

Later in the month we'll have one of our favourite evenings, Three In Harmony, where the object is to present three images that together tell a story or simply enhance the pictorial impact by complementing each other in a visually pleasing manner.

Finally, it is worth pointing out that our annual exhibition of members' prints is currently open at Old Hall in Cowbridge for the whole of January. This is a chance to see the range of styles of our members.

Please check opening hours of Old Hall, unfortunately it's rarely open at weekends. As always, more information is available on our website, www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk and you will always receive a warm welcome if you want to attend one of our meetings on Fridays at 7.30pm in Ystradowen community hall.

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End of the line - or a rebirth - for Ford?

THE death of diesel – even though no diesel units are made at the plant – the (planned) departure of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), the downturn in demand (China and North America), or Brexit, or any combination of these four and more besides have been blamed for the woes of Ford's Bridgend engine plant over recent years.

History tells us that long before an EU referendum was on the cards, JLR was to move engine production to a new plant in Wolverhampton by 2020.

The scandal over the Deutschlanders' dodgy diesel data has had a knock-on effect throughout the industry, while demand in Communist People's Republic of China, once so buoyant, has seemingly taken away a big chunk of JLR's revenue and thereby demand for engines, which had anyway been built on a "just-in-time" basis.

Job losses of some 1,000 have been bandied about, but what is to be done, and who should do it?

Politicians in the area have been quick to say "something must be done". Labour advises that the Welsh Government is doing something, but has not revealed what, while the Conservatives are asking for "… more detail" about what is being, or may be, done.

Ogmore's AM Huw Irranca-David and MP Chris Elmore (nothing, at the time of writing, received from Madeleine Moon or Carwyn Jones, Bridgend MP and AM respectively) said "… the Welsh Government is taking a proactive approach to help protect the many highly skilled jobs in Bridgend and to secure a sustainable future for the plant".

Detail on what the "proactive approach" might constitute was, however, missing from the duo's statement.

Conservative AM Suzy Davies AM would also like to know. She said that because large amounts of taxpayers' money has been invested in the plant, it is "… right we know about how Welsh Government has been working with Ford."

She continued: "The Economy Minister said that Welsh Government would only support Ford if 'five years sustainable and secure employment' was guaranteed. We need to know how hard Welsh Government has pushed Ford to keep those promises."

And so, The GEM has turned to motoring columnist and industry analyst Hayley Pells, of Bridgend's Avia Autos, for her expert opinion...

"As demand drops for the older-style gas-guzzling engines, the JLR contract ending this 2019 might prove to be superb timing for the Ford plant to be well placed for the Ineos development for a new off-road vehicle [Projekt Grenadier]*, if the Welsh Government can assist the plant to gain the agility it would require facilitating such a change.*

"Land Rover dropped the Defender line in 2016, but the astonishing pre-sales for the Suzuki Jimny demonstrates real appetite for a capable off-road machine.

"I agree with Mrs Davies that as the whole thing has taxpayers' money invested into it, then it should have greater transparency.

"The announcement of the highly-anticipated partnership between Ford Motor Co and Volkswagen may also have an impact on the Bridgend plant.

"Speculation that the new alliance will first focus on electric and driverless technology may not be great news for the plant to convert to EV [electric vehicle] *technology as Volkswagen already has substantial infrastructure in place.*

"The Ford-VW alliance is an interesting move in the automotive industry, and Herbert Diess, CEO of VW, sees unity as a path to more efficient manufacturing, research and development."

Tough talk from Bridgend Council over Ford fears

THE Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has said the local authority will "mobilise all its resources" to help any employees affected by redundancy after the "very worrying" news that Ford in Bridgend could cut 1,000 jobs.

On January 11, sources said the engine plant, which makes petrol engines for Ford vehicles and other car firms, including Jaguar Land Rover, would be hardest hit in plans which involve a total of 1,150 job losses in the UK.

Speaking at a council meeting on January 14, Cllr David said: "It's very worrying news from Bridgend Ford – it's our biggest private sector employer.

"We stand ready to do whatever we need to do to support that plant.

"We will mobilise all our resources to help any employees affected by redundancy.

"Obviously, we will work very closely with Welsh Government and UK Government because the type of support and intervention that would make a difference to Bridgend Ford would come primarily from them."

Interim chief executive Mark Shephard told councillors there was a problem with the lack of clarity over the plant's future.

He said: "There isn't yet official notice of job losses – there are mixed messages.

"In terms of direct intervention in Ford it would probably have to be Welsh Government or UK Government.

"We have a 'redundancy response team' which we have used in the past, for example with Sony and Kraft, where we liaise with other agencies like Welsh Government and Careers Wales to provide all the support we possibly can to help people into new jobs."

He added: "The scale of this is very significant.

"It's really about deploying our resources with other agencies – there is a history of doing this previously but perhaps not on quite the same scale."

It is understood there are plans for two phases of cuts at the Bridgend plant, achieved by 2021.

Ford has given no details about job losses in the UK but has said it is starting consultations with unions to implement a "comprehensive transformation strategy".

Cllr Richard Young, cabinet member for communities, said the news was "devastating" and was far wider than Ford with ancillary industries such as catering and supply chains also affected.

Cllr Cheryl Green, chairman of the corporate overview and scrutiny committee, said that if the job losses did take place there should be a case for the county to be treated as having a special status when it came to deciding on the location of projects funded under the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal.

She said: "If it does happen it will be devastating not just for the people directly employed but all those who supply services and goods.

"It's going to be like a bomb.

"We've been here before with Sony which was devastating – we want to learn from the past and see what we can do now to offset the impact.

"We are not going to offset 1,000 well-paid jobs but if we could be treated as a specialist case it would help."

Cabinet members were responding to a question asked by Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas during the corporate overview and scrutiny committee over what was being done to try and support the plant in Bridgend, and maintain as many jobs as possible.

Liz Bradfield (Local democracy reporter)

Opportunities galore at GVS' Big Volunteering Fair in Barry

LOCAL community organisations will be teaming up with Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) to offer volunteering opportunities on Wednesday, January 23 from 10am–2.30pm.

GVS, together with more than 50 voluntary organisations will come together at Barry Memorial Hall to celebrate volunteering by holding a volunteer recruitment event. The event will be a wonderful opportunity to talk directly with volunteering providers about their exciting opportunities.

More than 400 individuals from the local community attended in 2017 to explore volunteering opportunities.

GVS' Operational Manager Paul Warren said: "We want to extend an open invitation to the public to make a difference in the Vale through volunteering. If you have a free hour a week or one day a month and would like to find out more about volunteering, please come along to our event in January."

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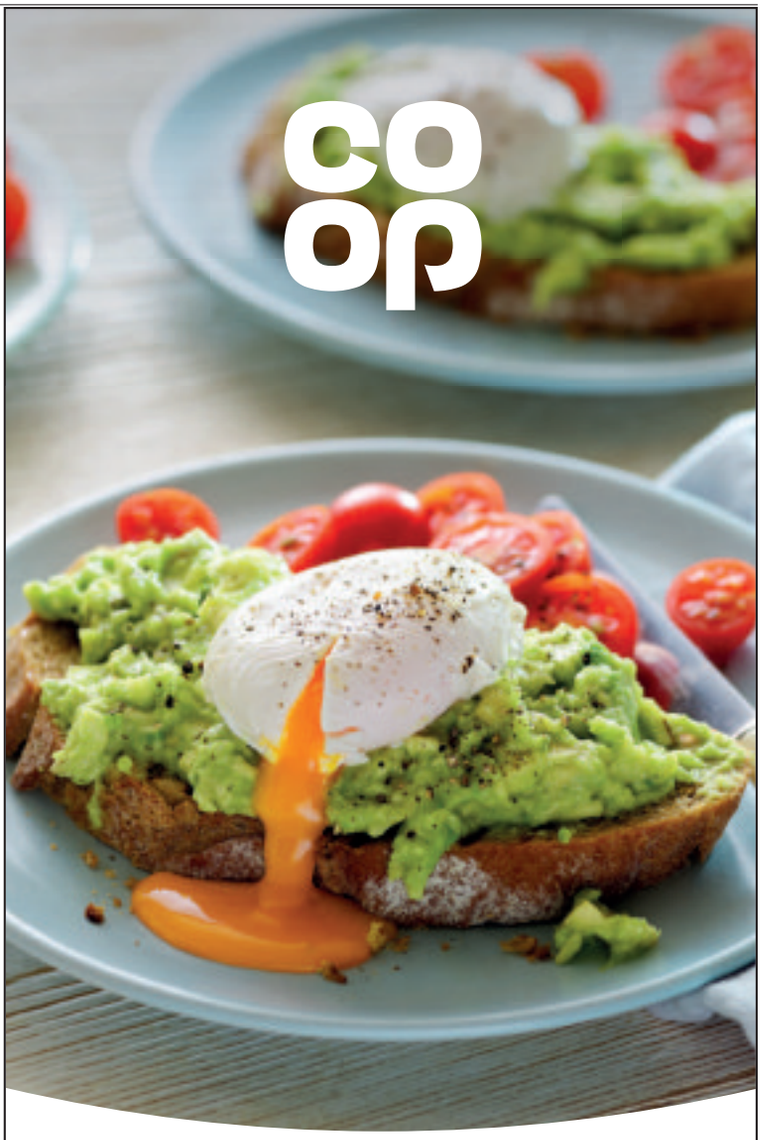

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‘Facts not fiction’ urges NFU Cymru President

DRYNUARY and Veganuary are in full swing, and reportedly more popular than ever.

Drynuary is often the easiest to achieve: dry white wine, dry cider, dry London gin, a dry Martini…

Veganuary, however, is a different matter, although vegan food is increasingly popular, especially paired with a rack of Welsh lamb.

Joking aside, farmers are, reported NFU Cymru, becoming “increasingly frustrated” at the attempts of individuals and activist groups using what it described as “misinformation and inaccuracies” to tarnish the industry’s good reputation, according to NFU Cymru.

NFU Cymru president John Davies made the call last week when speaking at the NFU Cymru Brecon & Radnor County Conference at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd, Mid Wales, an area synonymous with the production of world leading PGI Welsh Lamb and Beef.

As part of his address to members, the NFU Cymru president stressed that consumers should be able to make purchasing decisions based on the facts around the production of red meat and dairy, rather than being misled by the fiction cooked up by those whose agenda seeks to undermine the good reputation and high standards of the Welsh farming industry.

This was echoed by local farmer Abi Reader of Goldlsand Farm in Wenvoe.

The GEM asked her for her thoughts, and here she shares them with readers:

Veganuary, in my view, should be a celebration of seasonal British fruit and vegetables that we can grow in this country.

There will always be a small caveat to import some ‘luxuries’ from overseas which we all like to eat – at this time of year I’m particularly thinking of oranges and nuts.

Unfortunately, the reality is that Veganuary is a campaign by animal rights activist extremists to smear farmers names and reputations. And I’ll admit the war is ugly in both sides with extremists and angry farmers locking horns.

I have very little interest in engaging with either side, but still myself and others are prey for these extremists and being called a murderer, rapist and kidnapper has become a weekly occurrence.

I absolutely object to anyone, especially those who have never set foot on a British farm, declaring I do not look after my animals.

My livestock are my pride and joy; for them everything comes first, whatever they need.

Even in is simplest sense, an unhappy animal will never make money, so it’s not in any farmer’s interests to have bad welfare.

As a country, we have some of the highest standards of animal welfare in the world. Not only should we be proud of this, we could keep pushing higher and higher.

There’s nothing wrong with questioning animal welfare standards; if we didn’t we would never improve, but do it in a civilised and respectful manner.

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If anyone is concerned about where their local food comes from, my farm participates every year in Open Farm Sunday, a free event where we throw our gates open for you to see what we do. This year it is on June 9. Please come and talk to us.

AJ/AR

Abi Reader with some of her divas.

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MESSY Church will be held on Sunday, January 20 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until about 4pm.

A warm welcome is extended to youngsters (and toddlers, with their parents). There will be fun activities for all of the family, lots of crafty things to make, a Bible story, some singing and plenty of refreshments. Further information from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020, Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

PACT meetings

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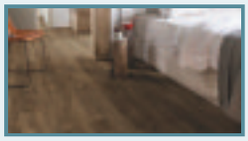
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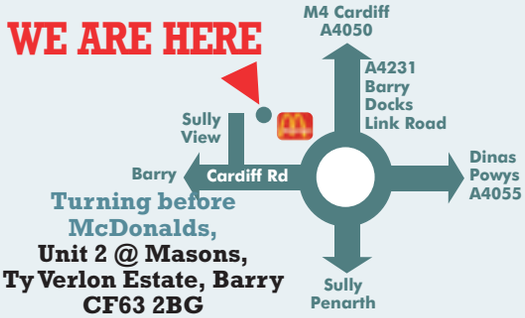

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New president elected for Glamorgan FUW

FUW Glamorgan CEO Rachel Saunders (left) with newly elected FUW Glamorgan County President Lorraine Howells.

A GLAMORGANSHIRE beef and sheep farmer, Lorraine Howells, who took early retirement from teaching at the local comprehensive school in 1997 to devote more time to farming, has been elected as the FUW's Glamorgan county president.

She served as the Union's Glamorganshire county vice chairman from 1989 to 1991, county chairman from 1991 to 1995 and was elected as south Wales member of the central finance and organisation committee in 2000 before being elected vice president in June 2011.

Glamorgan FUW CEO Rachel Saunders said: "On behalf of our members, I would like to congratulate Lorraine on being elected as our new county president. She takes over the role from former county resident John Llewellyn, who passed away in March 2018.

"Lorraine is known by many, not just through her work with the FUW but also through her role as president of the Welsh Black Cattle Society. Her successful and renowned butchers shop 'Cig Mynydd Cymru', which she set up with five fellow breeders in the Rhymney and Merthyr Valley, is testimony to her commitment to the farming industry and we look forward to continue working closely with her."

Lorraine runs Cwm Carno Farm, Rhymney, a hill farm extending to 320 acres mostly of reclaimed opencast land with common grazing. The farm is now run in partnership with Lee Pritchard.

Cwm Carno farm carries a suckler herd of pedigree Welsh Black cattle and South Wales Mountain ewes and has been in the family for over 100 years.

Lorraine said: "I am very honoured to be voted into the role and look forward to supporting the FUW's efforts in the county."

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Warm winter confusing bees – News from the Fonmon Apiary

IT is all quiet at the Fonmon Apiary as the single figure temperatures have put a stop to any external activities.

However, should the temperatures rise to double figures and we have rain-free days, the ladies of each colony will be out and about looking to use any early sources of nectar and pollen. Snowdrops are already in bloom and the catkins and celandines will not be too far behind.

Each of the colonies had sufficient stores put by to see them through the winter months, but due to the very mild conditions and the bees being ever active, a great deal of those winter stores will have been consumed.

The beekeeper must now be alert and ready to give additional supplies such as sugar dough or liquid sugar, but again the temperatures have to be taken into account.

If there are single figure temperatures, the bees will not readily avail themselves of the stores on offer and getting it right is a must!

A winter colony will cease activity from around November until March. Normally, external activity should cease and demands on the stored food will be very low, so there will be no need to give supplemental feeding.

However, things are far from normal and all of this is very confusing to those who are new to the beekeeping art.

Another element, which is apparent to those of us who monitor the colonies for Varroa mite numbers, is the continuing reproduction cycle of the mites throughout the winter months; this should not be occurring at all.

When the winter tray debris is examined, it should only reveal dead dark brown adult mites. My observations and counting sessions are revealing quite a number of immature (white) mites, and this is proof that things are not as they should be.

Queen bees should not be laying over the winter period, so why are there immature mites? They can only exist if a queen bee is continuing to lay eggs. These eggs will become larvae, and these larvae will provide the conditions for the Varroa adult to multiply. Sealed larvae will eventually become bees and chew their way out of the cell.

The reproducing mites will also exit the cell along with the new bee, and often the bee is ready to emerge before the mites reach adulthood (dark brown colour), hence the white mites I am finding.

Are the bees adapting to climatic changes?

Harold Williams

Group's war talk

WORLD War One is remembered for many reasons but not usually for its humour.

And yet despite the constant shelling, appalling conditions and the weather, the men in the trenches were able to laugh at the cartoons depicting their lives on the Western Front.

The most recognisable of these was 'Old Bill', a creation by Bruce Bairnsfather. Lieutenant Bairnsfather took part in the Christmas Truce of 1914, almost losing his recent promotion as a result.

This presentation by Barry at War Group member Rosemary Chaloner will also look at the impact on morale of the men and officers through the famous 'Wipers Times', an ironic and satirical magazine first published in a disused cellar near Ypres in 1916.

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Cabinet member claims school investment will 'revolutionise education'

I'D like to start this article by wishing all Vale residents a sincere, if slightly belated, happy New Year.

2019 promises to be an exciting 12 months for the Vale, with a number of high-profile projects in the pipeline, which is particularly true in my area of responsibility as Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture, as our 21st Century Schools programme continues apace.

Schools across the county are currently benefitting from an 'unprecedented level of investment' from this collaboration between the Council and Welsh Government.

A figure of £31 million was spent on Band A of the scheme, which will increase markedly during the next phase as we strive to revolutionise nursery, primary, secondary, faith and special education in the Vale.

In total, £144 million has been earmarked for this part of the project, demonstrating a real and substantial commitment from the Vale Council to raise educational standards across the county.

Band A covered six projects, including a new Welsh medium school,Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg, opened in Barry, Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant was expanded, remodelled and resurfaced and Oak Field Primary received a new two-story school with innovative learning areas.

Llantwit Major has a new Welsh medium primary school as well as the creation of Llantwit Learning Community, a large campus in the middle of the town made up of a new primary school and a remodelled comprehensive school with significantly upgraded facilities.

The Penarth Learning Community has also been established, involving the creation of a mainstream school boasting ultra-modern facilities in the town and the opening of Special Educational Needs school, Ysgol y Deri.

Colcot Primary in Barry is another building that underwent major refurbishment.

The next raft of improvements are already under way, with plans announced for a new Welsh-medium primary school for Barry Waterfront alongside extensive improvement and expansion works at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg.

Councillor Bob Penrose.

Welsh Government has altered the intervention rate for the 21st Century Schools project, meaning they will now pay 65 per cent of the costs towards work carried out on non-faith schools, when previously there was a 50/50 split with the local authority.

Seventy five per cent of funding for schools catering for pupils with additional learning needs will also now come from Welsh Government, who will pay the same proportion towards Pupil Referral Units.

The reduction in council contribution has meant the money saved can be spent on expanding the scope of certain projects, while the authority's purse has also been boosted by around £11 million.

Pencoedtre High School and St Nicholas Church in Wales School will both undergo total rebuilds instead of the originally-intended redevelopments, and a greater number of children with Additional Learning Needs can be accommodated at Ysgol y Deri.

The plans include a new and expanded Centre for Learning and Wellbeing, which will adopt a therapeutic approach to help those children that use it and replaces the previously proposed centre for behavioural excellence.

There will also be extensive further investment in primary provision across the county, with detailed plans to be revealed in the near future.

I hope you are as excited at the impending work to our schools and share my optimism at the benefit and opportunities it can offer the next generation.

Cllr Bob Penrose, Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture.

St John is looking for new members

HOW many of you have not made a new year's resolution yet? Do you have some spare time on your hands? Are you over 18 and would you like to learn some life skills and meet new people?

St John Ambulance, Llantwit Major has 17 members, all with different skill levels. It is holding an open evening on Monday, January 21 from 7pm-9pm at Our Lady and St Illtyd Church, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major, CF61 1TQ. Why not come down for a chat and see what it does?

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Vale MP welcomes candidate selection for assembly election

LEFT: Alun Cairns and Ross England.

VALE MP Alun Cairns has welcomed news that the Vale of Glamorgan Conservative Association has picked Ross England to be the Tory candidate at the 2021 Welsh Assembly election.

Mr England secured the highest ever share of the vote for the Conservatives in the Vale of Glamorgan at an Assembly election in 2016, losing to Jane Hutt by 777 votes.

Mr England, a friend and colleague of Mr Cairns, has previously worked with the MP to tackle issues such as 'traveller' encampments and high street parking charges. His priorities include pushing for a Dinas Powys by-pass and securing a new formula for local authority funding that will no longer 'disadvantage the Vale of Glamorgan'.

Mr Cairns said: "It will be a pleasure to campaign with Ross England for fair funding for the Vale local authority, more small business rate relief and an end to excessive development targets. The Labour Welsh Government is not delivering for the Vale of Glamorgan – it's long been clear that we get a raw deal compared to other parts of Wales. It's time we had a Vale AM who will stand up for the local community in Cardiff Bay.

"Ross understands that the Welsh Government is at the root of many problems in the Vale of Glamorgan, ranging from the reduction in bus services to year-on-year council tax rises, from building on our green spaces to crippling business rates; and he has the determination to push those issues to the forefront in the Senedd.

"His selection as the Welsh Conservative candidate here is great news for the Vale."

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Another fine mess? Stan & Ollie is anything but...

WHILE there have undoubtedly been many comedy duos who have captured the public's consciousness, the most indelible are certainly Laurel and Hardy.

The pair were a gigantic success together, and their story is certainly one worthy of the silver screen they used to adorn. However, Jon S Baird's *Stan & Ollie* focuses not on their glory days, but instead as the pair were on the way down.

In Britain, playing to variety halls, Stan (Steve Coogan) and Ollie (John C Reilly) are contemplating an uncertain future, but are buoyed by the shows' successes.

However, health issues and tensions from the past threaten to tarnish the pair's relationship...

There are many rules to the biopic, and perhaps the one that creates the most impact is that there is more dramatic juice in the fall than in the rise. *Stan & Ollie* follows this rule; rather than showing the pair in their pomp (although we get flashbacks to times when things were more rosy, notably a gorgeous tracking shot that opens the film) this shows them, if not at rock bottom, then certainly hovering around that particular area.

What it creates is a story, and a film, that is both a warm paean to the magic they created, yet also a touching tale about what happens when calls are not returned and careers are missing, presumed dead.

A film like this stands or falls on the central performances, and both Steve Coogan and John C Reilly are magnificent. Make-up and prosthetics can cover the shortfall between actor and

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character, but both men indelibly bring not just the public faces of the duo to life, but the men behind the image.

Coogan's Laurel is the studious, determined one, aiming to get a new film for the pair off the ground, constantly working on jokes and ideas and driving the pair forward, while Reilly's Hardy is suffering from health worries, determined the show will go on.

What tears at the pair's relationship throughout, to varying degrees, is the fact that the latter made a film without the former (the, quite literal, elephant in the room), and while buried it's never been forgotten, and here's where the dramatic drive of the film lives.

Behind every good man is a good woman, and here there are two: Shirley Henderson as Oliver's wife Lucille and Nina Arianda as Stan's wife Ida. Lucille is a former script editor, Ida a former dancer who starred in a Preston Sturgess film and won't let anyone forget it, and their gentle sniping at each other adds another layer to proceedings; their performances, along with Rufus Jones as the pair's booking agent, are superbly essayed.

Jon S Baird's direction doesn't attempt to be anything overtly showy (that opening tracking shot aside) but it is beautifully subtle and firmly places the performances and story to the forefront.

Baird marshals the film with quiet, calm control and it's all the better for it.

Certainly the film's biopic nature means that there are a few moments that feel a little too neatly staged, but on the whole this is a work that, driven by superb performances, is brilliantly constructed and hugely pleasing to watch - *Stan & Ollie* is a wonderful effort.

VERDICT - While the subjects are larger than life, the biopic itself is superbly low-key, and *Stan & Ollie* is a triumph because of it. A brilliant portrayal of the great comedy duo, and the issues they worked through; the performances from all involved are fantastic, and it adds up to a superb effort. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Chaplin* (1992), *Me and Orson Welles* (2008).

What's on and where in your area - news in brief

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, January 19 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, January 19 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Messy Church

MESSY Church is back at All Saints' Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, on Sunday, January 20 from 4pm to 5.30pm.

There will be a range of craft activities and games for all ages on the theme of 'True Family', followed by a short time of worship and a cooked tea for all. Admission is free, although donations are welcomed. For more information, visit www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

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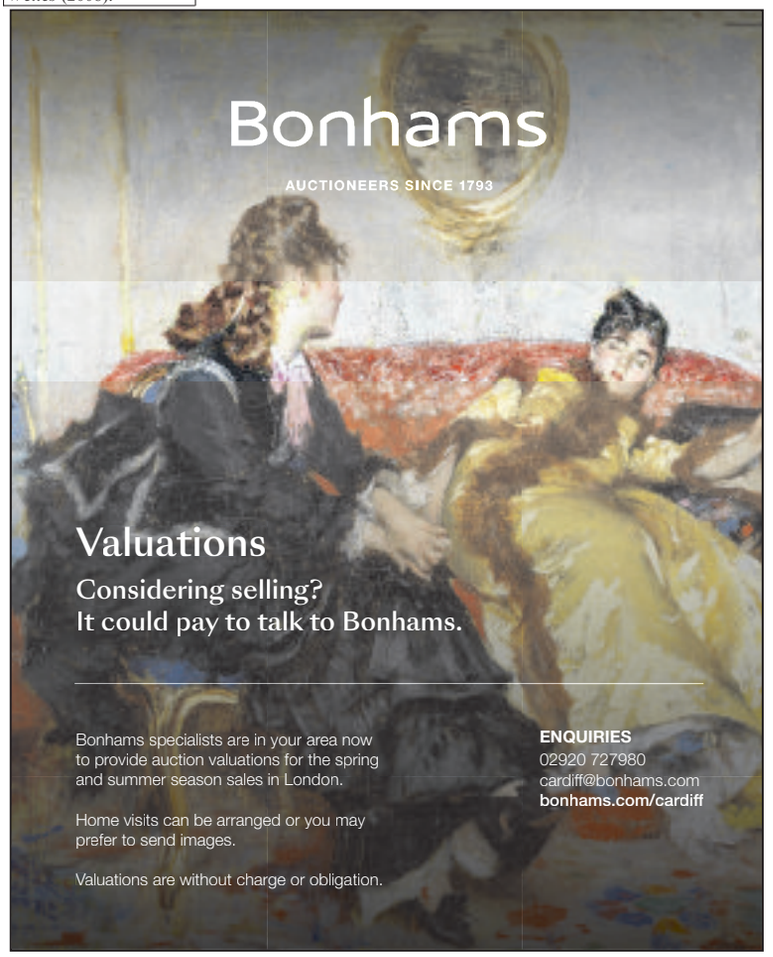

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The walk circumnavigated the entire park and was the longest the group had attempted. But with plenty of opportunities to admire the scenery, rest and chat, the walkers easily completed the challenge.

A recent article in the newspaper celebrated the walking achievements of an octogenarian from Edinburgh. Jim Snodgrass was prescribed regular walks by his doctor to improve his health. He had a series of serious health problems including cancer, hearing loss and a heart bypass, but after taking his doctor's advice to walk, he racked up more than 1,000 miles in less than a year! He said: "One friend told me that I am the only person she knows who gets younger every year."

So... the Living With Cancer strollers group can't promise you an everlasting youthful appearance, or a 1,000 mile count on your step watch, but it can offer a friendly walk with a sociable group in a wonderful lakeside location.

Make it your 2019 resolution to join us for a stroll, on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30am at Cosmeston information centre.

For more information visit the Valeways website www.valeways.org.uk There was a great turnout for the first strollers meeting of 2019. **AS**

The 'best of the best' in Stanwell music concert

THE winners of the annual 'Music in the Vale' competition will be performing later this month at Stanwell School, Penarth.

The concert will take place at 2pm on Sunday 27 January.

Entry is £5 (all money raised will go to the promotion of this annual competition for young vocalists and instrumentalists).

A spokeswoman for Music in the Vale said: "November's competition, which attracted the highest number of young talent in the 29 years it has been running, was of a very high standard, so this concert will be very much worth attending."

Further information may be obtained from www.musicinthevale.org.uk – tickets may be purchased at the door on the day.

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Topstak logs a success

WITH the need to reduce emissions in order to address the pressing issue of a changing climate, Topstak is playing a key role in the Woodsure Ready to Burn scheme.

The family-run company, with showrooms in the Vale of Glamorgan and Monmouth, produces its own approved wood fuels at its facility just outside Cowbridge. Woodsure, the government-backed scheme sets a benchmark for logs and other wood fuels in the UK to help identify wood that has been carefully chosen and ready to burn. The logo reassures consumers the fuel contains 20 per cent moisture to reduce smoke and PM2.5 particulate emissions, which contribute to air pollution.

Adam Pedersen, director at Topstak said: "Burning wet wood is inefficient as it demands a lot of heat to boil off the water before the appliance can give out the proper level of heat to the room, hot water or heating system. In turn, this creates a lot of smoke which damages the chimney, blackens the appliance and contributes to air pollution. Dry wood that has been seasoned or kiln dried to a moisture content below 20 per cent means it produces fewer particulates, more heat efficiency and less maintenance – chimneys are also less likely to build up creosote deposits and will remain easier to sweep.

"The Ready to Burn stamp of approval reassures those who purchase logs with its logo that they comply with current standards.

"Currently our kiln dried wood fuel has a moisture content of around 14 per cent," he added. "We source our roundwood from west Wales and this is processed at our facility near Cowbridge into 10" or 14" logs. The logs are then dried in a biomass kiln and delivered locally on our vehicles, meaning our supply chain has a low carbon footprint.

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Topstak is also registered with HETAS, the industry regulator, and the entire team is trained to its stringent standards.

Adam said: "Being registered with HETAS is essential to us, as it's a guarantee of a high level of service to our customers. They are assured that their stoves are being installed by an experienced and reputable company and one which adheres to industry regulations."

Bruce Allen, CEO of HETAS said: "Stoves have become more sophisticated pieces of equipment, as manufacturers develop ways to make their appliances more efficient and cleaner burning. Even consumers accustomed to solid fuel appliances may need to refresh their knowledge when using a modern, advanced appliance. Topstak's continued support for HETAS is welcomed."

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Local community organisations will be teaming up with Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) to offer volunteering opportunities on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 from 10am – 2.30pm. GVS, together with over 50 voluntary organisations will come together at Barry Memorial Hall to celebrate volunteering by holding a volunteer recruitment event. The event will be a wonderful opportunity to talk directly with volunteering providers about their exciting opportunities. More than 400 individuals from the local community attended in 2017 to explore volunteering opportunities.

GVS' Operational Manager Paul Warren said, "We want to extend an open invitation to the public to make a difference in the Vale through volunteering. If you have a free hour a week or one day a month and would like to find out more about volunteering please come along to our event in January".

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Building Excellence AWARDS 2019

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- **Compliance with Building Regulations and energy efficiency**
- **Supplying and managing information (giving of notices and information relative to the work)**
- **Speed of fault rectification**
- **Site environment, safety and storage of materials (so as not to be detrimental to their use)**
- **Client/customer satisfaction**
- **Sustainable and technical innovation.**
- **Access for people with special adaptations**
- **Small Domestic, Housing and Commercial projects**

BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS who use the building regulation service of the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be attending the 16th Building Excellence Awards dinner, organised through the Building Control Group of the Council at The Vale Resort Golf Club, Hensol on Friday, January 18.

Nominations for the awards are made by the council's Building Control surveyors, who are responsible for the supervision of the projects as they progress on site, through to the ompletion of the work.

Victoria Robinson, Operational Manager for Planning and Building Control, says: "The nominations go to show yet again that there are several excellent examples of high-quality construction projects that have been undertaken within the Vale of Glamorgan. Ensuring that buildings are constructed in accordance with current building regulations, requires a very high standard of workmanship. The builders nominated this year have proven that they can meet this requirement. I hope we continue to build upon the success of last year's awards, with all who take part having the ultimate aim of getting to The National Awards, in London in November this year."

Head of Regeneration and Planning, Marcus Goldsworthy emphasises: "Development of any size impacts upon our surroundings and the day-to-day lives of all of us. Ultimately, it is the builder who has the major responsibility in satisfying, not only the customer needs, but also of meeting the terms of the legislation.

"The Building Awards will provide all those involved with well-deserved recognition for consistently carrying out work of a high standard.

"These awards are so important to recognise those builders and developers who are excelling and producing top quality schemes, which can compete on a national level.

"The awards also help those looking to appoint new contractors to focus on those builders and contractors who are considered to be the very best in their field."

COUNCIL'S THANKS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council would also like to thank all the sponsors of this event, without whom it would not be possible to recognise the builders and developers whose quality of work is making a positive difference to the environment of the Vale of Glamorgan.

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Winners of the Vale of Glamorgan event will go forward to the LABC South Wales 'Building Awards' dinner that will be held at the Vale of Glamorgan Golf & Spa Resort, Hensol, on Friday April 12th, 2019.

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VALE OF GLAMORGAN BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

EXTENSIONS/ALTERATIONS

Address: 60 Lavernock Road, Penarth
Agent: Mr Paul Rolley of Architecturol
Contractor: Hobbs & Jones Ltd

ERECTION of a rear single and two storey extensions, side first floor extension and front elevation alterations.

The property is an existing detached house, which has been extended to the rear and front elevations by extending the lounge and creating an open plan cantilever kitchen/diner extension, the rear bedroom have also been extended and en-suites created.

The whole team approach including the builder and the agent, worked on the new design, enabling the clients requirements to be met with substantial cost savings.

Continued communication with Building Control was kept throughout the progress of the scheme and a good working relationship has been formed over many years with the builder.

The completed scheme has created modern house with creative finishes, part of the exterior elevation being finished with cladding panels to create a modern look to a 50-year-old dwelling. The interior has also been finished to a high standard.

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Address: Cliffside, Penarth
Contractor: Dave Roberts

THE owner bought the property to find that unauthorised work had been carried out by the previous owner. Building Control were called in to give the owner and builder advice.

Once some serious groundwork was completed the modification and extension of the property began in earnest.

The rear of the property has been extended by the creation of a new first floor and the addition of a bay window and balcony.

The front porch was underpinned and extended to form the new entrance to the property. The builder kept in contact with Building Control throughout the remedial work and construction phase which has resulted in a substantial house which is now fit for purpose.

The completed property has been well constructed and has resulted in an exceptional house.

Address: Archer Road, Penarth
Contractor/Agent: Anthony Gibbons Design & Build

THE proposal was to extend the rear of the 100 year old property by the addition of single and two storey extensions to the rear of the property.

In consultation with the owners of the property the builder approached the Planning Department to adjust the architect's proposals to create a more practical and simplistic external appearance for the roof and rear elevation.

The builder has kept in touch with Building Control throughout the scheme and any problems have been resolved through negotiation and practical solution.

The house in addition to the extensions has been renovated throughout and many of the existing features have either been reinstated or enhanced.

The completed scheme has resulted in a modern property whilst maintaining the existing architectural features. The finished project is of an extremely high standard both inside and out.

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EXTENSIONS/ALTERATIONS

Address: Maillards Haven, Penarth
Agent: 1010 Architects
Contractor: Canter Davies Construction

THE proposal is to construct a single storey workshop and living room extension to an existing house.

The house was built in the 1980s and has stonework exterior. The Planning requirements insisted on the exterior wall finish is in accordance with the existing house.

The builder kept in contact throughout the scheme and this has resulted in an outstanding example of how to extend a property while maintaining the aspects of the existing property. The standard of work involved is extremely high.

Address: Hillside, Wine Street, Llantwit Major
Developer: Kurt Jones

AN excellent example of ergonomic, open plan design being at the forefront of the remodelling of this property giving a fresh, contemporary appearance by mixing traditional materials with modern.

The open plan layout along with the vaulted ceilings has given this property a spacious feel while maintaining a homely presence.

Quality workmanship was evident throughout the build process, speed, rectification of faults and compliance were all positive attributes throughout.

The developer maintained a good working relationship with the Building Control section during both the design and construction period, keeping the department well informed at all stages.

The result of the building works has seen a complete transformation of the living space by providing this high quality built extension.

NEW DWELLING

Address: Seathouse, Ogmore By Sea
Contractor: Scimitar Homes
Agent: Studio Walmsley Architects

THIS was a replacement dwelling following a fire at the previous property with a design brief to maximise the location facing the beach and sea.

The modern design included large sections of exposed concrete, a floating style staircase and large glazed panels providing beautiful unobstructed views out to sea.

The contractor had to embrace several unusual methods of construction to ensure this build was delivered with a high standard of workmanship.

The contractor was exceptionally easy to deal with throughout each stage and an excellent working relationship was forged.

Address: Seawalls, Ogmore By Sea
Contractor: A One Construction
Agent: James Carter, Alan Barker

THIS spectacular new build property truly deliverers luxury modern living and breathtaking unobstructed views out to sea.

Using a well balanced mix of glazing this property provides a striking building along the beautiful coastline. The contractor was able to deliver the project with very little issues arising which is testament to the knowledge and competency of the team of tradesmen. The completed scheme has created a one off house of exceptional quality with examples of high standards of workmanship evident throughout. The relationship between the contractor and the department went from strength to strength throughout the build.

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NEW DWELLING

Address: Foxes Hollow, Michaelston-Le-Pit
Contractor: M J Construction
Agent: Barry Mayled, Homes & Garden Architecture and Garden Design

THIS house, designed by award winning architect Barry Mayled, with Scandinavian-inspired design features, blends beautifully into the picturesque village of Michaelston Le-Pit.

The large expanse of roof, timer cladding and extensive use of glass combine to deliver a luxury modern house.

The house, despite its gargantuan size, has been built with efficiency in mind and includes photovoltaic panels to generate clean renewable energy, ground source heat pump and a rain water harvesting system.

Standing inside the house the large uninterrupted glazed sections make the internal space run seamlessly into the adjoining gardens.

The roof design on this property is unique and acts as a canopy over the house, with the overhangs providing solar shading to the large glazed sections.

The roof was finished using beautiful Welsh slate to complement the surrounding properties and the natural environment.

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Address: Secret Garden
Agent: 1010 Architects
Contractor: SJ Building and Property Maintenance

PROPOSAL: New Dwelling

This new three bedroom dwelling has been designed with a well balanced mix of glass and stonework.

Upon approaching Secret Garden, it sits beautifully within its surroundings, then from the rear you are struck by contemporary architecture.

The large glazed rear elevation offers captivating views of the secret garden and beyond into the rolling countryside.

The site being very confined meant the contractor had to work considerately with the neighbours to be as little intrusive as possible while constructing a new dwelling.

The Blue Lias stone was sourced locally and has been laid beautifully which highlights the high level of craftsmanship.

The team approach worked very well throughout the project, both the contractor and architect maintained good contact with Building Control which helped deliver a quality building.

The developer ensured all health and safety aspects were complied with whilst keeping in constant contact with building control at all stages of construction.

NEW CONVERSION

Address: West Aberthaw Farm
Contractor: X-Stream Developments
Applicant: Orbis Education & Care
Agent: 1010 Architects

CONVERT derelict barns into purpose built residential dwellings from Grade 11 listed buildings.

These barns were in an unloved and derelict state, so for the developers it was an exciting challenge to create solutions to breathe a new lease of life into the buildings while maintaining and respecting the heritage and features.

The client , Orbis Education and Care , support children, young people and adults with a diagnosis of autism.

They provide specialist schools, community homes, respite care and now a newly opened community-based work-skills service called The Orb.

The team all went above and beyond to uphold the highest integrity in workmanship and delivery.

The local authority building control department assisted and all who were involved, worked as a team, including Peter Thomas from the listed building office who was always available for advice.

William Griffiths site manager and Construction manager of X-Stream Developments was instrumental in finding solutions in terms of the complex detail of the project.

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NEW CONVERSION

Address: Gileston Manor Agent/ Contractor: Christopher Haines - Design and Build Project Services

PROPOSAL:
Conversion of barns to holiday lets.

The developer had to base the designs on strict planning constraints due to the listing of the whole development.

During the construction process the developer had not only to take care in preserving the envelope of the existing unit but also the existing landscape due to tree preservation orders.

In addition the internal layout was designed around the imposing entrance to ensure the heritage aspects of the scheme were promoted.

As this was a self build project it meant the site control and all aspects of the construction process were closely monitored.

A development team approach was employed between the owner/contractor, conservation officer, planning officer and the building control officer which was of a major benefit to the success of the build.

NEW LARGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Address: Golwg Y Mor, Rhoose (Taylor Wimpey phase one)
Contractor/Agent: Taylor Wimpey

THIS project involves the erection of residential units comprising of two, three, four and five-bedroom, both two and three-storey dwellings with affordable housing and associated infrastructure.

The finish has been a mixture of face brick and render which has complemented the surrounding area.

Phase one of this site has been under construction for around two years and has continuously maintained a high level of quality throughout.

The planning and management of the project has meant that the local residents have experienced minimal disruption.

Health and safety during the build has been exemplary with many features going beyond the legal requirement.

There has been excellent communication between the site manager and Building Control with any defects being immediately rectified.

Best partnership with a local authority building control team

NOMINATIONS: Jonathan Williams, C2J Architects, Ray Baker, Dennis Hellyar, Robertson Francis Partnership, Varco, Benjamin Harbron, Tony King Architects, Paul Rolley – Architectrol, Anderson and Associates, Ferrier & Co, KEW Architectural Design, Nigel Arnold Architects, DS Properties, Interior Architect Design, Meridian, Gillard Associates, MS Design, Cardiff Orangeries, Taylor Wimpey, 1010 Architects, Andrew Parker, Curtins Consulting, Ben Harbron, J.H Leeke and Sons, Reuben Evans.

THIS recognises the best development team approach, long-standing relationship, or co-operative approach to problem solving Specific Criteria – The partnership must be an official partnership with LABC as part of our Partner Authority Scheme.

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Nomination for best site supervisor/ construction professional

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Nomination for best local builder/tradesman

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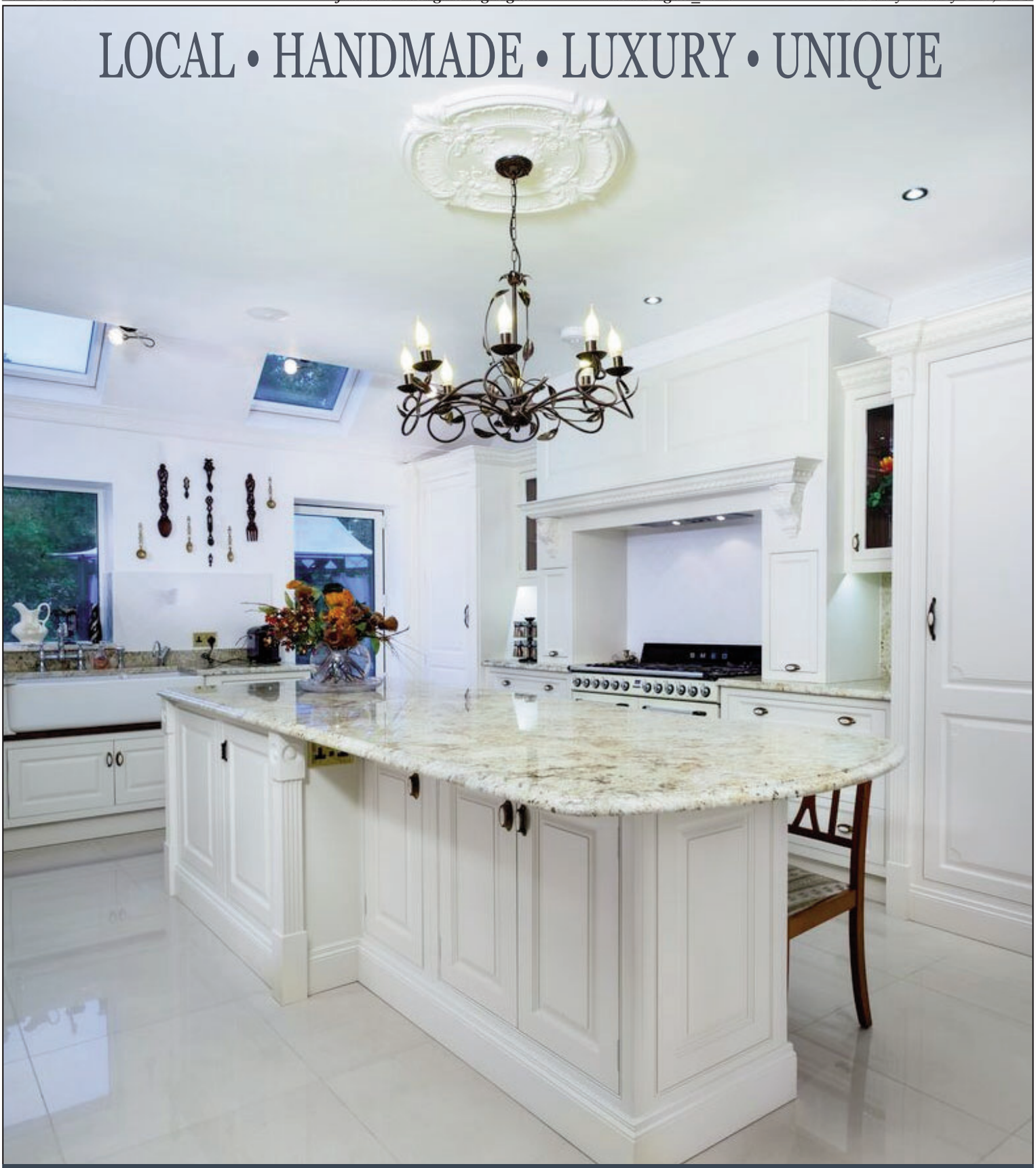

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What's on and where - news in brief

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, January 17, Cowbridge Art Society starts its spring term with a visit from Arnold Lowry, who will be demonstrating in pastels.

During this term, there will be demonstrations using pen and wash, watercolours and oils and a practical session in gouache resist techniques and an illustrated lecture on Modernism and Abstraction. The society welcomes artists of any level and non artists to lectures.

The group holds an annual calendar and art competition and holds social events. They meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm-9pm and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, visit www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas or Instagram#cowbridgeartsociety.

Arthritis support

DUE to the success of the monthly arthritis and support coffee and chat group, this will now be held weekly on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm-4pm, starting in February.

It will take place at the Age Connects Cardiff & Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. The sessions will cover a wide range of topics to include medication, exercise, Yoga etc. The group is geared to suit the needs of both carers and those suffering from arthritic conditions. No appointment is needed, just come along and join this friendly group. Call 01446 732385.

Bridgend Sector PACT meetings

OLDCASTLE PACT at the library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on January 17 at 6pm.

Bryntirion, Laleston & Merthyr Mawr PACT at Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston on Thursday, January 17 at 12pm.

Newton PACT at Newton School Rooms, Newton on Tuesday, January 29 at 6.30pm.

Brackla PACT at the Community Centre, Whitethorn Drive, Brackla on Thursday, January 31 at 6.30pm.

Rest Bay & Nottage PACT at Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage on Tuesday, February 12 at 8pm.

Litchard, Pendre & Coity PACT at Litchard Mission, Litchard on February 14 at 7pm.

Porthcawl East Central PACT at Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl on Tuesday, February 19 at 6.30pm.

Cefn Glas, Llangewydd & Brynhyfryd PACT at Westward Community Centre on Monday, February 25 at 7pm.

Newcastle PACT at Westward Community Centre on Monday, February 25 at 7pm.

Computer classes for seniors

AGE Connects Cardiff & Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, holds a free computer, tablet, or iPad session on Thursday mornings at 10am-12 midday.

Equipment is available to use or senior citizens can bring their own and get one to one support and advice. This is also available to those who wish to improve their skills and learn new skills.

No appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Bridgend Quakers

BRIDGEND Quakers meet on Sundays at 10am at the Quaker Meeting House, 87 Park Street, and on Wednesdays at The Zone at 46-48 Dunraven Place, Bridgend, between 12pm-1pm.

Visit bridgendquakers.org.uk or telephone 07807660543 for more information.

Gardening Club

COWBRIDGE Gardening Club meetings will resume on Thursday, January 31, at 7pm in the Lesser Hall, when the speaker will be Sue Verran on 'Hedgehogs'.

Please note the new time, and remember to bring some hedgehog food. The club looks forward to welcoming new and returning members.

Vale MP's Brexit meeting

Vale MP Alun Cairns is holding a public meeting on Brexit to explain what's gone on and to discuss ways forward.

The meeting is being held at Wyndham Conservative Club, Harbour Road, Barry CF62 5RZ, 11am to 12:30pm on Saturday, January 19.

All Vale constituents are welcome.

Barry man (71) faces trial at Crown Court

A 71-year-old Barry man will face trial in Cardiff Crown Court on February 12, charged with a number of non-recent sexual offences.

Anthony Hampton was arrested in January and was charged with 10 counts of indecent assault. The charges related to two people, who were children at the time of the alleged offences.

He appeared at Cardiff Magistrates Court on January 15, and the case was adjourned for trial in Cardiff Crown Court on February 12.

Mr Hampton is a Vale county councillor, representing the Illtyd ward.

At the time of his arrest, Debbie Marles, Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services at the Vale Council, said: "Cllr Hampton remains an elected member of the Council for the Illtyd ward.

"Under the Local Government Act it is only the Adjudication Panel for Wales that has the statutory power, following an application from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, to suspend councillors on an interim basis. As the Council's Monitoring Officer I have informed the Ombudsman's Office of this matter. Cllr Hampton does not currently sit on any committees.

"The Council takes allegations of this kind extremely seriously. After being informed of the arrest of Cllr Hampton by South Wales Police earlier this year the Vale Council, in conjunction with Barry Town Council, immediately instigated its safeguarding process in line with the All Wales Child Protection Procedures. The Council has since worked to assist the police with their investigation."

The Vale of Glamorgan Conservatives announced that Cllr Hampton had been suspended with immediate effect.

Horse society is angry after Porthcawl footpath diversion gets green light

THE diversion of a footpath in Porthcawl which provoked strong opposition from the British Horse Society has been given the go-ahead by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Councillors approved the diversion of a section of Footpath 17, which is accessed from The Burrows, Newton, at a rights of way sub committee on Tuesday, January 8.

The footpath needs to be moved after planning permission was given for a house to be built on it.

The length of the footpath to be diverted is around 55m and the proposal involves moving it from one side of an area of open ground to the other.

The distance separating the existing footpath and the proposed alternative is around 11m.

The British Horse Society is against the diversion saying it is not being treated fairly.

The society has previously submitted two orders for the section of existing path to become a bridleway.

And rights of way officers admit that three years before the current application to divert the footpath was received, the local authority made the decision to upgrade Footpath 17 to a bridleway.

But it never happened due to "resource issues" within the council.

The British Horse Society said the applications to upgrade the footpath to a bridleway should be dealt with before any decision was taken on the proposed path diversion.

It said the proposed width of the new footpath – at 1.5m – was too narrow and would make it unsafe for horses and members of the public to pass should a bridleway be approved at a later date.

Speaking at the rights of way meeting Gordon Wheeler, county access and bridleways officer for Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot, said horse-riders were being fenced out of public open space.

But council officers said some of the area in question was private land.

Before any changes to a path are finalised the order has to be advertised and if any objections are received the order has to be determined by an inspector appointed by the Welsh Government.

A three-bedroom house received planning permission on the site in September 2017 but before work can begin on it the footpath diversion had to be approved.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

'Oldies' charity to visit Porthcawl

THE 'Goldies Cymru' charity is a charity that reaches out to older isolated people across south Wales, and it is coming to The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

A spokesperson said: "For many people, attendance at our daytime 'Sing & Smile' sessions is one of the few social occasions to be with others, to sing, and to have fun.

"We are staging a number of roadshows across south Wales in the months ahead to introduce our work into new communities. Our fourth takes place at The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on Monday, January 28 from 1pm to 2pm.

"'Goldies', as we are more fondly known, is a registered charity that quite simply helps to brighten lonely lives. We are NOT a choir but our daytime fun sessions are based on social sing-alongs and we hope, through this workshop, to introduce our charity to many people living in the Porthcawl area.

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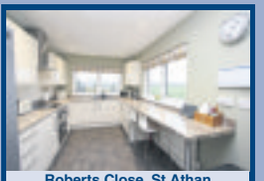

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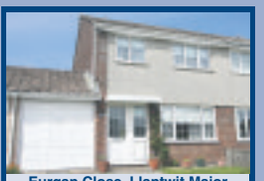

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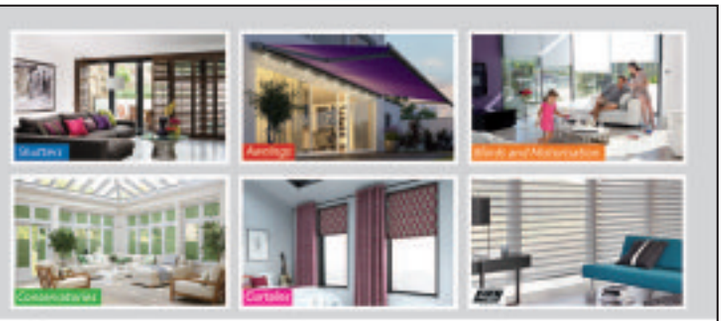

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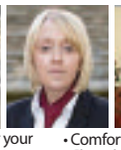

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Family Notices

BOYLE
Betty (*née* Hayes)

It is with a broken heart the family announce the peaceful passing of Betty, of the Buttrills, after a very short illness at the University Hospital of Wales on the 9th January 2019. Beloved mum of Stephen, Paul, Susan and their partners. Loved nan and good friend to many.

Betty is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until her funeral service on Friday, 25th January at 10am at the Memorial Hall, Barry, followed by a private committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

The family request family flowers only and donations if desired, in memory of Betty, may be made to Macmillan Cancer Support.

JACOBS
Thelma (*née* Horman)

Sadly at Llandough Hospital on 9th January 2019, Thelma, aged 85 years. Much loved mum of Andrew and daughter-in-law Angela. Loved nan of Luke, Rachel, Kelly, Becky and Andrew a great nan to Maddox, also a dearly loved sister and aunt.

Thelma will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, 1st February at 3pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if so desired for Llandough Hospital Stroke Rehabilitation Unit c/o the funeral director.

JONES
Christopher

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Peacefully at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 5th January, Christopher of Barry, beloved son of Ashleigh and the late Valerie. Adored brother of Martyn and Lynn.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service and committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 22nd January at 3pm.

Funeral entrusted to Anthony Thomas.

Further enquiries telephone 01446 407962.

BAKER
Robert James (Bob)

(Formerly of Securicor and Llandough School of Motoring)

Passed away peacefully after a long illness at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on 6th January 2019, aged 78 years. Loving husband to Margaret. Loving father to Susan and Michael. Loved father-in-law of Alison and Alun. Wonderful grandad to Rob and his partner Charlotte.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Dinas Powys at 10.30am on 18th January, followed by committal at Penarth Cemetery.

Gentlemen only to the burial please.

Flowers to the funeral directors, if desired, in memory of Bob or donations in lieu to Maggie's Cancer Centre, Swansea, which can be made at the service or given to the funeral director.

BROOK
Gloria

Peacefully at Lavender Fields Care Home, Tunbridge Wells, on 5th January 2019. Loving wife of the late David and mother to Antony and Tim, long time resident of Aberthin.

Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 21st January at 2.15pm. No flowers please, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Research UK.

HARDWICK
Michael Andrew

(Andy the Artist)

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Andy on 30th December 2018. Deeply loved and missed by Sue and their son Joseph.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 24th January at 11am. Family flowers only, suggested donations in lieu, to Alzheimer's Research UK. Colourful dress code.

PREEN
Eileen (*née* Miller)

Peacefully on 29th December, 2018, aged 83 years, devoted wife of 63 years to Bill. Loving mum to David, Liz and Sam, cherished nan to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eileen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel of Rest, on Monday, 28th January at 11am, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations can be made in memory of Eileen, in favour of Alzheimer's Society at the service.

DEE
Phyllis

Peacefully passed away 4th January 2019, aged 92 years. Devoted wife to the late Charles, loving mother to Trevor.

Phyllis will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 17th January at 1.45pm, followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery.

Flowers may be sent directly to the funeral home.

SHARPE
Pamela Louise (*née* Hallett)

Peacefully passed away on the 8th January 2019 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Beloved wife of the late Richie. Much loved mother, mother in law, grandmother, grandmother in law and great grandmother.

Pamela will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 24th January 2019 at 2pm and thereafter to Boverton Cemetery. No black clothing to be worn at Pamela's request please.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAMS
Glenys

23rd March 1930 – 7th January 2019

Passed away peacefully in her sleep.

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She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Your passing has left a void in our hearts, but the memories you leave behind will forever fill our souls with warmth and happiness.

Service to be held at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Dementia UK or Contact the Elderly.

'We are such stuff as dreams are made on; and our little life is rounded with a sleep.'
William Shakespeare

O'SHEA
John

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of John on Monday, 7th January 2019.

We are heartbroken, John will be deeply missed.

The funeral will take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 23rd January at 10am. Dress as you wish, black is not essential. Family flowers only please. Donations in John's memory can be made at the service, to the intensive care ward at University Hospital Wales.

All are welcome at Llantwit Major Rugby Club after the service.

DAVIES
Dorothy May

Peacefully at home, on Saturday, 5th January, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Bill, cherished mother and grandmother.

Dorothy will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 25th January, service and interment 11.30am at Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Mencap or Zoar Presbyterian Church c/o the funeral director.

CROSSMAN
Simon Huw

Peacefully on 6th January 2019, Simon passed away at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Much loved father of Rhian, Lowri and Eleri, beloved brother to Andrew and sister-in-law Anna.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Tuesday, 29th January 2019 at 1.15pm.

Family flowers only, donations in Simon's memory welcomed to LATCH, Welsh Children's Cancer Charity, University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW.

SWANNICK
Jean

Peacefully on 7th January, Jean passed away in the Waverley Care Centre, Penarth, aged 89. Much loved mum of Anne, sister to Margaret and the late Mary and Richard.

The funeral service is at the Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, on Tuesday, 22nd January at 11am. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if so desired to The Alzheimer's Society.

The family invite you to Brynhill Golf Club, Barry for light refreshments following the service.

Acknowledgements

CARTER
Marie Winifred Anne
(*née Gilham*)

Marie's family extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all family and friends for their thoughtful messages, kind donations and especially their presence at the celebration of Marie's life.

Thanks to Merthyr Dyfan Church, Barry and to Reverends Ben Andrews and John Stacy-Marks for their sensitive and insightful tributes to Marie.

Thanks to the kind and dedicated staff on Ward 7B at UHW. Thanks to Malcolm for his advice and support.

Special thanks to Jordan and Green Willow Funerals for taking care …

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Thank you

On Thursday, 10th January I tripped and found myself on the floor in Holton Road, Barry. I would like to say thank you to the many people who offered their assistance and for the couple who kindly drove me home.

Once again, thank you.

Mrs Klee

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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/00012/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Install a glass canopy over rear entrance doorway/courtyard
Location:/Lleoliad: Mount Pleasant Farm, Llangan
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Departure from Development Plan / Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2018/01361/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed demolition of stables and outbuildings and erection of 7 no. detached dwellings
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at St. Lythans Road, Twyn Yr Odyn, Wenvoe

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V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

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Ryan Day beats John Higgins in the Masters

BRIDGEND'S Ryan Day produced a final frame 128 total clearance to beat Scotland's John Higgins 6-5 in the first round of the UK Masters snooker tournament at Alexandra Palace.

Higgins, 43, a four-times world champion and twice a winner of the Masters, won three of the opening four frames, including a break of 65, to race into a 3-1 lead.

But Day, 38, fought his way back into the match with three successive breaks of 52, 111 and 83.

With the match eventually poised at 5-5, he finished with a 128, the highest break of the match, to clinch the deciding frame.

He will now face Ronnie O'Sullivan in the quarter-finals today (Thursday).

Day, from Pontycymer, is ranked 13th in the world. He has won over £1.5 million in a 20-year professional career and made 354 century breaks, including a maximum 147.

The Masters is one the three 'triple crown' events on the snooker circuit, with only the world's top 16 players being eligible to play.

Michael Prosser

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Aberthin's Tim wins his own race!

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan, sponsor of the opening Tim Vaughan Racing Supports Ffos Las Handicap Hurdle at Ffos Las on Monday, January 14, had plenty to smile about when his eight-year-old *Briac*, a 16-1 chance, ran out a nine lengths winner from *Cottonvale*, trained by fellow Vale trainer Christian Williams.

Those punters who backed *Briac,* who was partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, on the tote were rewarded with odds of more than 22-1, the tote dividend paying £23.10 to a £1 stake.

Pembrokeshire trainer Dai Rees, sponsor of the Dai Rees Handicap Hurdle, saw his *Gone Platium*, ridden by Welsh rider Lorcan Williams, finish a length and a quarter behind the Evan Williams-trained *Golden Whisky.*

A 7-1 chance, six-year-old *Golden Whisky* was ridden by Evan's stable jockey Adam Wedge.

There were only three runners for the Prince Fluffy Kareem Novice's Chase which was won by the long odds-on Nicky Hendersen-trained *WhatsWrongWithYou* and *The Last Day*, trained by Evan, who is the leading trainer at Ffos Las, gave punters a run for their money when finishing second.

Tim strikes again

After saddling winners on Sunday and Monday, trainer Tim Vaughan was back in the winners' enclosure on Tuesday, January 15, after his eight-year-old *Debece,* which had made the 301 miles journey from the Vale, landed the Sky Sports Racing Virgin 535 Novices Chase at Newcastle.

Debece, a 6-5 chance, beat the odds-on favourite *Jammin Masters*, ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, by three-and-three-quarter lengths.

Debece was partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns who has been in cracking form this season.

Brian Lee

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (STATION ROAD (RHAN) DINAS POWYS) (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2019

1. Ar 17 Ionawr 2019, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 Orchymyn a'i effaith fydd fel a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:

2. Enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Station Road (Rhan) Dinas Powys) (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro)" 2019 a daw i rym ar 21 Ionawr 2019.

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Y ffordd sydd i'w chau yw Station Road Dinas Powys o'r gyffordd â ffordd Caerdydd i'r gyffordd â'r Sgwâr.

Rheswm: Er mwyn galluogi gwaith i adnewyddu pibellau nwy i fynd rhagddo.

Hyd: O 8.00am ar 21 Ionawr 2019 tan 8.00pm ar 29 Mawrth 2019

Llwybr Arall: Bydd dargyfeiriadau lleol wedi'u harwyddo ar waith.

DS: Cynhelir mynediad i drigolion a gwasanaethau brys.

Dyddiedig 17 Ionawr 2019

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (STATION ROAD (PART) DINAS POWYS) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2019

1. On 17th January 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Station Road (Part)

Dinas Powys) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2019 and will come into force on 21st January 2019.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The road to be closed is Station Road Dinas Powys from its junction with Cardiff Road to its junction with the Square.

Reason: To allow for gas main replacement works to be undertaken

Duration: From 8.00am on 21st January 2019 until 8.00pm on 29th March 2019

Alt. Route: Local signed diversions will be in place.

NB: Access will be provided for residents and emergency services.

Dated this 17th day of January 2019.
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (LÔN 5 MILLTIR), Y BARRI) (CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30 MYA) (DROS DRO) 2019

Ar 17 Ionawr 2019, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 1 Chwefror 2019 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr Arwyddion Traffig angenrheidiol yn eu lle, p'un bynnag yw'r dyddiad diweddaraf, a gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Os ydych am herio dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r perwyl hwn o fewn chwe wythnos i 17 Ionawr 2019.

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio'n gyflymach na 30 m.y.a. yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: A42226 Waycock Road (Lôn 5 Milltir) y Barri o gylchfan Waycock Cross ar ei hyd i gyffordd Sycamore Cross wrth yr A48

Rheswm: Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gwaith i wella'r ffordd.

Hyd: O 10.00 ar 1 Chwefror 2019 am hyd at 18 mis.

Hefyd, caiff y Gorchymyn o'r enw Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (A4226 Waycock Road (Lôn 5 Milltir) y Barri) (Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 30 mya) (Dros Dro) 2018 ei ddiddymu.

Dyddiedig 17 Ionawr 2019.

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE), BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2019

On the 17th January 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 1st February 2019 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 17th January 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The A42226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Waycock Cross Roundabout throughout its length to Sycamore Cross junction at the A48.

Reason: The restriction is being implemented to allow new road improvement works to take place.

Duration: From 10.00 Hours on 1st February 2019 for a maximum period of 18 months.

In addition, the order known as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane), Barry) (30MPH Speed Restriction) (Temporary) Order 2018 shall be revoked

Dated this 17th day of January 2019

Director of Environment and Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE latest results from the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club are as follows:

Monday, January 7: First, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best, 66.10 per cent; second, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 61.74 per cent; third, John Beard and Glyn Williams, 59.85 per cent.

Monday, January 14: First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan, 70.14 per cent; second, Mike Best and Phil Felman, 59.72 per cent; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 57.18 per cent.

LE

MTK Global return to Vale Sports Arena

MTK Global will return to Cardiff's Vale Sports Arena on March 1 as Welsh boxing continues its resurgence.

With Liam Williams' recent British title glory spearheading a swell of interest in the Principality, MTK Global is back at the scene of its successful maiden show in Wales, which was headlined by 'The Machine.'

MTK Global president Bob Yalen said: "It's always great to bring a big night of boxing to the hotbed that is Wales, where fans always get behind their fighters with great passion.

"From Jimmy Wilde to Howard Winstone to Joe Calzaghe, the Welsh have a wonderful history of boxing heroes.

"We've got some hugely promising talent emerging in the likes of Jacob Robinson and Jacob Lovell, and with Liam Williams providing a beacon for all aspiring fighters in the region, Welsh boxing is set for a big year."

Some of the best young talent in Wales will be on show on the evening with the likes of Jacob Robinson, Jacob Lovell, Alex Hughes, Rhys Edwards, Maredudd Thomas and many more in line to feature.

For more information visit mtkglobal.com.

Porthcawl RFC grab away win in tricky encounter

PORTHCAWL picked up maximum points on tricky away trip to Morriston, home club of the famous Moriarty rugby family, with four tries in an exciting, if somewhat error-ridden encounter.

The Seaweeds got off to a great start when, after just four minutes, some good attacking play opened up the opportunity for full-back Ben Thomas to slither through for a corner try, superbly converted by fly-half Josh White, and 0-7.

Morriston got back into the match five minutes later when a Porthcawl offside allowed a 22 metre penalty for 3-7.

Porthcawl lost prop Tim Lunn with a head injury before Ben Thomas produced a mazy run that had the home side chasing shadows, until this came to an end with a high tackle.

White punished that error with another penalty for 3-10. Lunn then returned both to the field and to wrecking the home scrum with some powerful scrummaging.

This led to the perfect platform for White to extend the lead with a super 40-metre drop goal at 3-13.

Despite their good play this far, Porthcawl yielded a penalty for back-chat to the referee and as the penalty attempt hit the post and bounced back into play, Morriston nabbed an opportunist converted try and were suddenly only three points adrift at 10-13.

With centre Aled Davies having a great match in midfield, the Seaweeds extended their lead just short of going into the break, as Davies' break, and scoring pass from Jordan Fox as the extra man, saw young left wing Ross Jenkins fly over at the corner, with White's conversion coming back off the post.

Morriston immediately responded with another penalty to make it 16-18 at half-time and Porthcawl needed to make better use of their possession in the second half.

It was the home side that took the lead for the first time with another penalty after 43 minutes and 19-18 before a driving Seaweeds lineout set up the chance for the mercurial Ben Thomas to nab his brace try, as he weaved his way through the gap to score another Porthcawl try, converted by White for 19-25, a lead Porthcawl would not lose.

As the visiting backline got its act together once more, it was centre Davies who strode for the corner for an outstanding bonus point try, White's attempt at the extras just short and wide.

At 19-30, and with just five minutes left, Porthcawl had to simply keep their shape and defence intact.

However, the home side were not done yet and when the cruellest of bounces from a speculative kick ahead beat Ben Thomas, Morriston gleefully snatched a converted try at the posts for 26-30, a score too close for comfort at the end, but nevertheless a valuable five points for the Seaweeds.

Porthcawl will be seeking the double and maximum points once more when Ystradgynlais visit South Road on Saturday.

PF

Back-to-back victories for Tynewydd FC

TYNEWYDD FC made it back-to-back wins and moved up to second in the table with a hard-fought 2-1 win against Cardiff Airport.

It wasn't until midway through the first half that either side produced anything of real consequence, with the game up to that point similar to the weather – grim.

Tynewydd were caught on the counter-attack from their own corner when a quick pass set the Airport player streaking through on goal and a one-on-one chance went begging as Tynewydd keeper Callum Coleman stood strong, producing a solid save to keep the scores level.

Airport would soon be in front, though, when a quickly-taken freekick caught Tynewydd out and a sweetly-struck volley made it 0-1.

A minute before the break Tynewydd drew level when some mesmerising footwork from Lewis Union just outside the corner flag flummoxed his marker and the resulting cross was headed in by Ollie Cooke at the back post to bring the sides level.

Tynny started the second half much the better and were soon in front when a crossfield pass from Jodie Shepherd released Mark McCarthy down the right wing, and his low drilled cross was met by Craig Rattenbury stealing in at the front post, who blasted the ball into the back of the net.

That move proved to be the highlight of the half, and game, as Tynewydd sat back and defended their lead, with their experienced back line restricting the Airport to only half chances at best in their hopes of grabbing a draw.

Man of the Match went to Ollie Cooke for his display in the middle of the park and his equalising goal.

Squad: C.Coleman, P.Pydannah, J.Shepherd, S.Eveleigh, G.Pycroft, Ll.Union, O.Cooke, L.Union (c), M.McCarthy, E.Hicks, C.Rattenbury, J.Matthews, J.Smith, L.Peterson, G.Union.

JC

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Awards evening for Vale Surf Lifesaving Club

VALE Surf Lifesaving Club recently held its annual awards evening and end of season party at Barry Yacht Club.

The evening celebrated the end of a successful year for the club which despite only having been in existence for a year has seen its membership grow to nearly 100.

The event was supported by members, family and friends from across all age groups and it was especially pleasing to see so many Nippers in attendance as this section of the club was only established in the summer of 2018.

Vale Surf Lifesaving Club was also very proud to have the Mayor of Barry, Janice Charles, attending the event to make the presentations.

Nia Hopkin, Nipper co-ordinator, presented the following awards: Most Improved Nipper - Katie Luen-Twining; Best Performance by a Nipper - Harry Nicholas; Nipper of the Year - Dylan James; Nippers Nipper - Honor Hopkin.

Over 40 Level 1 and 2 awards were also presented which is a huge achievement as most of the Nippers were completely new to the sport of surf lifesaving at the start of the summer.

Kelsea Peterson, junior co-ordinator, presented the awards for her section with the Best First Year Junior going to Dylan James.

Dylan has recently returned to the sport and it is a privilege to have a young man with so much enthusiasm and kindness in the club.

The award for Most Improved Junior was presented to Alice Connolly for the huge improvement she has made across all areas of the sport both on the beach and in the sea.

The Best Performance trophy was presented to Reuben Hopkin for his incredible performance at the Welsh Championships where he won a medal in every event, and at the British Championships where he won a gold in the surf ski event along with four bronze medals.

Presentations were also made to those who achieved their NVBLQ Beach Lifeguard Awards with Tesni Gardiner, Brooke Peterson and Gemma Ewington receiving these for the first time, and Ellie Peterson, Kelsea Peterson, Daffyd Nicholls and Simon Parker renewing theirs.

As well as being a competitive sport, Surf Lifesaving teaches invaluable skills in order to preserve life.

This knowledge was put to good use in the summer of 2018 as club members were involved in several rescues whilst training at Jackson's Bay.

Awards recognising these rescues were presented to Declan Ewington, Josh McKenna, Tesni Gardiner, Brooke Peterson, Rebecca Helmore and Simon Parker. Club chairman Simon Parker was awarded Lifeguard of the Year for administering CPR on a fellow runner during the Barry Island Park Run in October.

Many thanks to Jason Aspinall for supplying the very popular photo booth for the evening which was enjoyed by everyone and to Barry Yacht Club for their hospitality.

Special thanks to our many sponsors, including DS Fabrications.

As club members now focus on the pool competitions in the next few months, the club is delighted to have been included in the latest customer vote for a Bags of Help grant from Tesco. It's a scheme which gives community projects up to £4,000 – all raised from the sale of carrier bags in Tesco stores.

The public will now vote in store during January and February on who should receive the awards. Please support us in your local Tesco store in Barry, Dinas Powys, Penarth and Rhoose.

JP

Seven-try Phoenix boost their survival hopes

Captain Amie Stevens makes a break (All pictures by Julie Hancock).

Team manager Michele Halse came out of retirement for this game.

Lady of the match Kelsea Purchall crosses the try line.

PENCOED Phoenix travelled to Powys to face Gwernyfed ladies knowing that a win would go some way towards securing their Premiership status.

This particular stage of their quest was achieved in no uncertain manner with a comprehensive seven try. 46-5 victory.

Phoenix took the lead in the opening 10 minutes when a forceful tackle from back row forward Emily Hughes spilled home possession and swift transfers from the Phoenix inside backs saw outside centre Emma Reynolds drift outside her opposite number to score from 30 metres out.

Soon after co-centre Rhianydd Morgan took play back into the home 22 with a strong burst and the home side conceded a penalty goal at the breakdown and Phoenix outside half Leanne Burnell duly obliged from the tee.

A strong Phoenix drive at a close-up scrum provided the next score, the home eight driven back over their own line for Phoenix No8 Amy Stevens to get the touchdown, Burnell adding the extras.

Phoenix extended their lead with their three-quarters handling well before centre Kelsey Purchall burst through strongly to score from 35 metres out.

Gwernyfed then hit back and following sustained pressure in the Phoenix 22, Katie Priddle drove over, just reward for her first half efforts. Phoenix led 5-20 at the interval.

In the second half, once again a strong Phoenix scrummage drive put them on the front foot and Purchall capitalised, breaking through strongly to score at the posts, Burnell converting.

Purchall was soon again in the action with a clean break and despite a try hat trick beckoning and being virtually over the try line, she unselfishly gave a try-scoring pass to the supporting Laura Workman, which Burnell converted.

Phoenix were now running the ball with abandon and a sweeping move from their own half saw the supporting Laura Keeble on hand to cross the whitewash much to her obvious delight.

Burnell then wrapped up the scoring in the final minutes with a typical solo effort from around half way beating several home defenders on her path to the try line, before adding the conversion bringing matters to a close at 5-46.

This important Phoenix victory was based on a solid pack performance with the front row of Lucy Cahil, hooker Rose Lubin and Michele Halse scrummaging with purpose, and often in the ascendancy against a traditionally strong home scrum.

Phoenix team manager Halse turning out after being retired for three seasons to help her side who were missing several front row players on the day.

In a good all-round Phoenix performance, with a number of players putting their hands up for player of the match, the home side's choice went to Kelsey Purchall whose strong straight running had posed them all sorts of problems.

The Phoenix choice of Gwernyfed player of the match went to Katie Priddle, who battled hard throughout for a home side who never gave up and made Phoenix work for everything they got.

TR

Llantwit Major reserves put three past Garden Village

AFTER last week's win against Penybont, Llantwit Major reserves enjoyed yet another win in the highly-competitive Welsh League reserve division.

Llantwit started brightly at Windmill Lane and with the wind pushed Village back with attack after attack.

Josh Morgan came close early on, as too did Gethin Jennings, who had their shots brilliantly saved by the opposition's keeper.

It only took eight minutes to get the Major ahead, as Kyran Gardener dribbled down the left flank to eventually square the ball to Jennings outside the box for a first-time, left-foot finish.

Two minutes later Llantwit got their second. This time a dribble from the right side winger Chris Vinson saw him enter the box, only to see him fouled, drawing a defender to a reckless tackle. Josh Morgan took the penalty going to the keepers right bottom corner.

The second half saw Josh Morgan substituted due to injury, Mike Gingel his replacement.

The visitors put the reserves under pressure in the opening minutes of the half as they pressed much higher looking to win the ball.

Keeper Scott McMillan was tested on a few occasions, however he stood tall and commanded his goal.

Llantwit showed no signs of sitting back and continued to attack, and Max Morgan and Vinson saw their efforts saved.

Phillips and Davies also had chances but it was the move of the season which put the game to bed.

Morgan smashed home a well-worked move which involved a number of passes, working the ball into the box as the ball flew into the top corner from an angle from eight yards out, the game ending 3-0.

Team: S.McMillan, C.Garrett, J.Cutter, G.Davies, K.Gardener, C.Vinson, G.Jennings, L.Jones, J.Morgan, M.Morgan, S.Phillips. Substitutes: M.Gore, R.Malton, M.Gingel, A. Wrigley.

JT

Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

PREMIER Division leaders Barry Athletic maintained their lead at the top, as they came away from Bear Field with all three points in an impressive 3-1 win over Cowbridge Town.

The result brings to an end Town's four game winning streak, TeeJay Caton and Andrew Colburn (2) with the goals that see Athletic clear at the top.

Island Marine made it three wins out of three over Penarth this season as they saw them off 3-1 at Maslin.

Penarth are now seven points off the leaders having played two more games, with their title challenge looking possibly over.

Town drop to third with AFC Rhoose leapfrogging them into second following a 2-1 win over Sully Sports, Bevan and Tutch getting the goals that keep Rhoose seven points behind the leaders, but with a game in hand.

Only two games in Division One, Cogan Coronation moved up a spot to fourth after a big 5-1 victory over SP Billy at the Rec, while Tynewydd went second with a 2-1 win over Cardiff Airport, that's four league losses on the bounce for Airport.

Into Division Two, it was a coupon-buster as league leaders AFC Rhoose B suffered a shock 3-0 defeat to bottom side Vale Madrid at Burnham Avenue, only Rhoose's second loss this term.

St Athan B cut the gap to a point, although have played a game more, with a good 5-3 triumph over Barry Athletic B. The win gets St Athan B back to winning ways after two successive defeats ahead of the top of the table clash against Rhoose B on Saturday.

Barry Viking's kept their interest in the title alive and well as they hammered Cadoxton Athletic 6-1, that's now six league games without a win for Athletic.

Penarth Town B went fourth with a 2-1 win over Island Marine B at Cwrt Y Vil, to stretch their run to five undefeated.

HD

Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up

The under-9s in action against Bridgend Sports.

WITH the under-7s having a squad of 22 players available, and with Bridgend Sports expecting only 10 players, it was decided the Ath would split their squad into two teams (Green and Golds), one to play the Sports and the other traveling to Barry RFC for a round-robin with Rhiwbina to maximise player game time.

In their encounter with Sports the Ath came away comfortable winners. There was excellent defensive displays by Issac Rees, George Evans, Luis Tooze, Zavier Gardener and Matthew Hallez allied to the attacking play of Callum Brown, Charlie Tune and Osian Phillips.

The Ath Golds enjoyed plenty of game time, playing a total of three games against Rhiwbina, a team they haven't played before.

Although ultimately a great team effort, it's felt Tyler Pascoe, Adam Landells, George Cowan and Joshua Owen all deserve a mention along with Jacob Martin, who scored his first try for the club

The under-8s also played Bridgend Sports.

The matches proved to be a combination of outstanding team effort and moments of solo brilliance with every single Ath player putting their stamp on proceedings.

In total four matches were played, with the Ath winning all three played against the Sports and drawing the game played against Kenfig Hill. The Ath accumulated an impressive 108 tags and scored 19 tries along the way.

The under-9s took a squad of 22 players to play Bridgend Sports.

Ethan Davies led the tackle count followed closely by Mason Brown and Osian Lord. Try scorers were Ethan Davies (4), Rhys Cawley (3), Rhys Gardiner (2), Dylan Gardiner, Grayson Lewis Whelan, Ewan Gill, Regan Henly, Max Edwards and Dylan Jones. Final score over the two games was Bridgend Athletic 75, Bridgend Sports 15.

The under-11s also faced Bridgend Sports and scored try within the first two minutes.

The game ended 8-0 to the Ath, another fantastic performance this season.

The under-11s took on a strong Llantrisant side.

The boys got off to a slow start with Llantrisant scoring two tries, but the remainder of the game was dominated by the Ath.

Hari Humphreys pulled one back from a well-worked move, and then Mackenzie Scales crashed through the middle only to be held up over the line. Unfortunately time was against the Ath and Llantrisant held out to win 3-1.

The under-13s welcomed Kenfig Hill.

The Ath got on the scoresheet first through Charlie Rees, but the half-time score was 5-24 to Kenfig.

Dan Honeyfield opened the second half scoring for the Ath, before Kenfig scored only for Charlie Rees to slot over a penalty and Honeyfield score another try, converted by Rees to close the gap to 20-31.

However Kenfig scored another quick brace of tries to end the game clear

The under-14s hosted Bargoed.

From the off Bargoed tried, with some success, to impose their extra size on the Ath boys as they won a series of rucks, and it was against the run of play that the Ath scored two very determined tries down the wings to move into a 12 point lead.

Bargoed were soon back within a single score, and they scored again through their centre just minutes before half-time to tie the scores at 12-12.

In the second half the Ath stepped up a few gears to move quickly into a 29-12 lead which Bargoed would not recover from.

Even though they continued aggressively and never gave up despite their best efforts, Bargoed failed to cross the Athletic line again, the Ath adding to the scoreboard and winning 41-12.

Back for the Ath after injury was Sam Matthews, who had a good, solid all-round game, as did Josh Stephens, McKenzie Grey and Jack Whitten in the backs, while Jac Hunter, Jacob Cox and Danny Wilson were strong in the forwards against bigger opposition.

The under-15s travelled to face Porth.

Porth struck first and the rest of the first half was very tight.

Ethan Scourfield equalised for the Ath, but not long after Porth cut straight through midfield.

Scourfield levelled the scores again and five minutes from the end Porth once again cut through midfield to get the final try of the game to make the final score Porth Harlequins 19, Bridgend Athletic 12.

The under-16s travelled to Morriston for the quarter-final of the Ospreys Cup, hoping to get revenge for a narrow loss last October in the pool stages.

The game started as a very cagey affair, but Tom Florence crashed over in the corner for a fantastic try, the conversion from the touchline narrowly missed by Euan Rees.

Michael Gillette took a quick tap penalty and drove through several tackles to score under the posts, the try converted by Euan Rees.

The second half continued in much the same vein as the first with the Ath forwards totally dominant. The Ath were awarded a penalty just outside the Morriston 22, which was converted by Euan Rees.

Captain Ryan Neagle took a quick tap penalty and drove over the line only to be adjudged to be held up. From the ensuing scrum number 8 Michael Gillette picked up and smashed through several tackles to get his second try, again converted by Euan Rees, and that was the end of the scoring, the final result 20-0 - a brilliant result!

AB

Joint ladies captaincy announced at St Athan Golf Club

ST Athan Golf Club, along with many other sporting institutions, is recognising that the time commitments required are preventing the majority of members from dedicating themselves to being on a committee or accepting a captaincy tenure.

Therefore to assist in alleviating this situation, St Athan members are pleased to have Denise McGowan and Mags Vecchi undertake the joint captaincy for the ladies section and they showed their full support at the official drive-in.

It is customary for the outgoing ladies captain to present the final awards from the season before relinquishing her badge of office; however as Steph Bonnar was out of the country these tasks were bestowed on last year's club captain, Liz Thomas.

Gifts for the most partridges and birdies carded throughout the year, along with a voucher for the greatest number of 'chips/putts holed from off the green' were presented to Gill Jones, Liz Thomas and Carol Morgan respectively.

With the in-house protocol finalised the members congregated at the first tee, where the newly-appointed captains emerged through a guard of honour to perform the nerve-racking task of launching their opening drives.

The club captain, Gerald Thomas, was on hand to offer his own words of encouragement after being in a similar situation the week before at his drive-in.

As tradition dictates the members determine where they think the captain's ball will settle; however with two balls in play and each spectator only permitted one prediction they found their loyalties split - do they estimate the drive from Denise or Mags?

In their earlier acceptance speech, Mags and Denise emphasised that they were taking on the captaincy role as a joint venture and they would be totally equal in status, therefore they had opted to synchronize their official opening drives.

All started well, they both looked confident and relaxed on the tee as they took their stance and began the countdown - however Mags has obviously got a much speedier swing as her ball flew through the air before Denise had even made a connection!

A guard of honour for the new lady captains!

In a running sport it definitely would have been considered a 'false start'. Mary Phillips-Morgan was delighted to find that her marker was the closest to Denise's ball while Mags' ball came to rest alongside the marker placed by Margaret Jeynes.

A nine hole stableford competition for the ladies followed the formalities, resulting in Rose Dawson being declared the winner, carding 18 points, a full five points ahead of her nearest competitor.

Denise and Mags take this opportunity to wish all fellow golfers a happy and prosperous golfing season.

They, along with St Athan Golf Club members warmly welcome new players of all ages and abilities – for further information contact the club 01446 751043, alternatively feel free to visit at your own convenience.

CM

Busy day for Barry chess teams

A BUSY day when three of Barry Chess Club teams were all in action on the same day, and all three of them were away.

In Division 4, the Camelots travelled to Bridgend to play fellow relegation strugglers Bridgend A.

On this occasion, Mark Cooke, Tom Cooke, John Stephenson and Peter Watkins all drew.

There was controversy on board 1 when our player claimed a draw as his time was running out. His opponent refused the offer and duly won on time.

I was not present personally, so I don't know whether this was the last two minutes on the clock when the game should have been referred for an arbiter's decision regarding a forced draw.

Unfortunately, the correct procedure of a little known rule was not adhered to and we lost 3-2. We remain in eighth place, a half point above bottom club Bridgend with a game in hand.

In Division 4, the Gambits travelled to North Cardiff when the Eagles were their opponents.

The Gambits remain in second place after recording victories from Martin Ricketts, Sam White and Erion Pici with Michael O'Leary chipping in with a draw.

The match finished with a win for the Gambits by 3.5-1.5. Unfortunately, the Pentyrch C team extended their lead at then top of the table with a 5-0 victory. They hold a 3.5 point advantage over the Gambits.

The Stauntons, also in Division 4, played at Penarth. The Piers had quite a strong side and won the match 3-2.

Ieuan Thomas and Sian Balchin continued their good form this season and took wins in their game. Oliver Adams on board 5 played perhaps his best match of the season to date.

Although it eventually ended in a loss, he took his time and his opponent commented that Oliver could have earned a draw until an error decided the match.

The Barry Chess Club meet at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to turn up on the night, but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details, visit www.barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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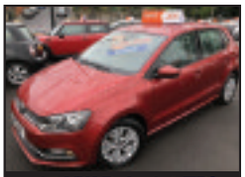

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Barry RFC seconds in derby thriller

BARRY RFC second XV finally opened their league account for 2019, travelling to Dinas Powis for a local derby.

Coach Glyn Pirso and manager Joel Williams worked tirelessly to ensure a side would take the field against their more seasoned opponents, and in doing so handed out debuts to Regan and Blake.

The difference in organisation between the teams was obvious early on as Dinas Powys probed into the Barry 22 purposefully, only to be repelled by some strong tackling.

Indeed, it was only after a number of Barry transgressions that Dinas opened the scoring from a set scrum with the conversion missed.

Barry were struggling to hold on to meaningful possession, and with players often playing out of position, found it difficult to inject fluency into their attacking patterns despite the talents of O'Sullivan, Montague, Lockyer and Regan.

Dinas capitalised on more Barry indiscretion as they increased their lead with three other unconverted scores before the interval.

With Cieran Thomas limping off injured, all seemed lost, but encouraging words from the management at half-time revitalised the Barry XV.

With former manager Ken Chow replacing Thomas, Barry finally realised that quick ball would be the undoing of their more experienced opponents.

When quick exchanges in midfield between the half-backs created an opening, Regan was on hand to crash over to score Barry's first try of the afternoon. Richie O'Sullivan added the extras.

Sensing a momentum shift the Barry pack started to demonstrate their true ability with ball in hand and gained territory and possession in the red zone.

From a quick tap penalty the ball was recycled for O'Sullivan to power through for yet another score to reduce the deficit. With his conversion true the score was now 20-14.

Dinas countered by coming down the other end and utilised their organised forwards to create two converted scores to swing the momentum, but Barry were undeterred.

Regan would demonstrate his powerful running again as he weaved through the home defence for his second try of the day, but this time the extras were missed.

It was the debutant who created Barry's fourth, and bonus-point, try when he chased down an accurate kick from the fly-half to force a turnover from the Dinas defence, before Luke Hewitson raced for the line to touch down. The extras were added with the deficit just eight points.

With an unlikely comeback on the cards, Barry were eventually defeated by the clock as time ran out with Dinas winners by 34-26.

This was a spirited performance by all players who took the field for Barry and wore the shirt with pride. With some fine-tuning a good season could still be had.

Barry second XV will host St Josephs this weekend at Reservoir Field, kick off 2.30pm. Any players interested in a run-out should visit the Barrians group on Facebook or follow us on Twitter, @barry_rfc.

Team: Diche; Regan, Montague, Lockyer; O'Sullivan (c), Hewitson; Hall, Prosser, Bowditch; Thomas, Blake; Morris, Goodfellow, Rolfe. Replacements: Chow.

KC

Barry and District men's Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Geest 278 (L Dutton 29), Blue Monkey 271 (N Mccarthy, M Underdown 27).

League table: 49ers 20, Geest 16, Posties 12, Billy Whizz 11, Blue Monkey 10, Willie Wombles 11, Bunker Boys 9, British Rail 8, Cannon Balls 8, KP Rejects 8, Merrymen 8, Sea View 7.

DIVISION 3:

Alternatives 286 (A Rosser 35), Witchill Nomads 259 (P Thomas 29).

League table: Park Rangers 18, Witchill Nomads 13, Billy Bluebirds 12, Cocoa Nuts 12, Royalists 11, CUD 10, Glenbrook Flyers 10, Master Mariner 10 Abercrete 8, Castle Boys 8, Alternatives 8.

ALAN ROSSER CUP

Group C: 49ers 303, Hairy Lemons 289.

League: 49ers 6, H Bells 4, Hairy Lemons 2, Alternatives 0.

Group D: Mighty Dockers 96, Cocoa Nuts 237.

League: Geest 4, Mighty Dockers 4, Cocoa Nuts 2, Glenbrook Flyers 2.

HOLME TOWERS CUP

Second round: 49ers beat BP Breakaways; Geest beat Posties; H Bells beat Blue Monkey; Bunker Boys beat Cocoa Nuts; Castle Boys beat Billy Bluebirds; Witchill Poachers beat Barry Park B; Willie Wombles beat Mighty Dockers; Cavaliers beat Glenbrook Flyers.

View all results and tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

News and results from the Barrivale Bridge Club

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club night on January 8:

The top three places were 1. Irene Thomas and Noelle Bond 61.43 per cent; 2. Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones 60.42 per cent; 3. Hilary Morgan and Sean MacDougall 58.33 per cent. The handicap winners were Hilary and Sean.

As always, we welcome new members at the club and a partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us please ring any of the following numbers: 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on a Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play, 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP.

LH

Vets put six past Merthyr

IN this Over-55s Chris Grey Fire Doors League encounter against Merthyr Vets, Barry Vets ran out deserved 6-1 winners – although not without a scare or two on the way.

As Barry can verify from their previous encounter, Merthyr continue to play with a cavalier approach, often with five players in attack. But this approach also makes them vulnerable as the home side proved when taking an early lead through a Paul Staddon penalty.

They doubled their advantage minutes later with a great strike from Murray but Merthyr replied when an impressive Otway converted neatly past John Jones to make the score 2-1 going into the interval.

The Martyrs' started the second period with real intent and although Price and Caffell were always dangerous, Barry defenders Mark Jones, Blackie and Gibb repelled most threats and, one save apart, gloveman Jones was rarely troubled.

Inevitably Bobbett extended Barry's lead on the hour, Murray made it four and Bambi Ballysingh scored the fifth from close in. Bobbett completed the scoring when he headed home a fine Murray cross.

This win puts Barry in contention for what look likely to be an exciting few months ahead in the over-55s League. It was also good to see a number of 60+ players performing well, including Merthyr's Jeff Dudley and Barry legend, Dickie Batt, who would be classed as being 'around the 70 mark'!

Several of the Barry squad will be stepping up to the Wales Veterans over-55s squad this Saturday, January 19, to face their English counterparts at Jenner Park – for more information visit walesveteransfootball.co.uk.

The match kicks off at 1.30pm prior to the Nathaniel Cars Welsh Cup final. Good luck to Mike Bobbett, Alun Huish, Paul Staddon, Mark Jones, John Jones, David Murray… and managers Shane Davies and Dickie Batt.

AH

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End Runaways 11, West End 4; Moors Boys 8, Cadoxton Cons 7; Liberals 8, Wyndham Cons 7.

League table: Liberals 103, West End Runaways 98, Cadoxton Cons 95, Rhoose Social 95, West End 92, Wyndham Cons 90, Moors Boys 87.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 4.5, Liberals A 2.5; Cambrian Flyers 0.5, Rhoose Social B 6.5; Rhoose Social A 1, Allsorts 6; West End C 0, Rhoosters 7; West End D 6, Sea View Exiles 1; Rugby Club 5, Barries Boys 2; Rhoose Social C 6, Barry Town FC 1; Liberals C 5, King William XII 2.

League table: West End C 68.5, Sea View Exiles 66.5, Rhoosters 64.0, Allsorts 63.5, Barry Town FC 60.0, Rugby Club 57.0, West End D 57.0, Rhoose Social C 56.0, King William XII 54.5, Slammers 52.0, Rhoose Social A 49.5, Liberals C 45.0, Liberals A 43.0, Rhoose Social B 41.0, Barries Boys 29.5, Cambrian Flyers 19.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Harbour B 3, Rhoose Social B 2; Wyndham Cons A 4, Cadoxton Wildcats 1; West End C 5, Liberators 0; Cadoxton Cons B 1, Savoy A 4.

League table: Savoy A 51, West End C 49, Harbour B 40, Wyndham Cons A 40, Cadoxton Cons Z 38, Cadoxton Cons B 35, Cadoxton Wildcats 26, Penarth Cons A 25, *Liberators 21, Rhoose Social B 20, Market Street B 16.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Savoy B 4, West End A 1; Sully Sports A 1, Rhoose Social C 4; Cadoxton Cons A 3, Penarth Cons B 2; Wyndham Cons D 4, West End B 1; Market Street C 3, Harbour A 2.

League table: Cadoxton Cons A 44, Rhoose Social C 44, Penarth Cons B 42, Savoy B 42, Market Street C 39, Wyndham Cons D 35, Harbour A 34, *Services Social B 34, West End A 32, Sully Sports A 26, West End B 19 (* = points deducted).

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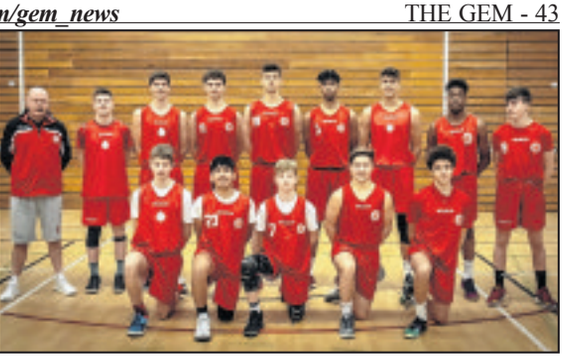

Young Welsh basketball players hoping for success

PICTURED are the current under-16s Basketball Wales men's squad who hope to represent Wales in Albania in July this year at the European Basketball Championships.

Six players play for the Vale Vipers, who train in Barry and Cowbridge.

Last year the Wales squad won silver in San Marino, their most successful showing in 10 years.

If you are a small business and would like to sponsor the team please email rachsymons34@gmail.com (under-16s team manager) for more details.

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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

DE Forgotten One, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan and ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, landed the Maiden Hurdle at Doncaster on Wednesday (January 9).

Made the 7-4 favourite in a field of eight starters, the five-year-old won by two and a half lengths from Chocolate Box.

WINS FOR VALE TRAINERS

The Vale's Evan Williams and Christian Williams both saddled winners last week.

On Thursday, Evan's Market Road, a 5-2 chance, partnered by Conor Ring, landed the closing

Hose Thorns Handicap Chase by two-and-three lengths from Nomination Game.

Twenty-four hours later at Sedgefield, Christian's eight-year-old Sideways, a winner 10 days before and ridden by Nick Scholfield, won the Happy New Year From Paxtons Handicap Chase by three-and-a-quarter lengths from Chase The Wind.

Sideways went off the 15-8 joint favourite and Christian was winning the race for a second time as he had been successful with Hedginator last year.

CHARLIE' S KELSO WINNER

Charlie Price who rides out for Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard, landed the opening EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at far-flung Kelso for Vaughan on six-year-old Trixter on Sunday.

Trixter, the 6-4 favourite, won by one-and-a-half lengths from Skandiburg after being a length and a half down at the last obstacle.

Versatile Charlie has also ridden winners between-the flags and is also a successful Arabian horse racing jockey and was just pipped for the Arabian Horse Racing Riders' Championship last season.

Vaughan, whose two horses made the 380-mile journey to the Scottish track, had hopes of a double but in the Kristoffersen Carpets & Flooring Handicap Hurdle, his Prince Charmin', ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, failed to catch Martilla, partnered by Pembrokeshire's Sean Bowen, and was beaten by three parts of a length.

Brian Lee

Delayed competition sees excellent scores

THE improving weather saw 26 members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section tee off in their delayed Christmas Stableford competition which was played over 16 holes.

Against the par of 32 points for the slightly reduced course, some excellent net scores were posted.

Trefor Jones secured third place with 33 points, just one behind second placed Wayne Newton's 33 points. A single additional point was sufficient for Steve Phillips to claim the victory.

The section's second outing of the week was played in a team four-ball format over 12 holes with, for each of the five teams, the two best scores recorded on the par fours and the best three scores recorded on the par threes.

The highlight of the day occurred at the par four, sixth hole with a 20 yard pitch into the hole for net eagle by Norman Lloyd followed immediately by fellow team member Trefor Jones' green side chip-in at the same hole for net birdie.

Together with Doug Mein and Bob Coombes, the team's final score of 65 points fell one short, however, of the 66 returned by the team of Roger Hatton, Fred Furby, John Paton and section captain, Dave Hughes.

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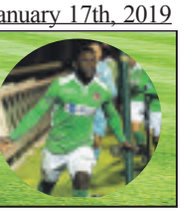

Cowbridge RFC are made to work for tight victory

COWBRIDGE RFC travelled to Penarth last Saturday.

Amongst the interesting items from the match programme was the fact that the teams last met, it seems, in the 2006/07 season when Penarth were promoted. One of their players played in that fixture, keeping the Crothers link to the club going.

There were potted histories of each of the clubs in the league. Penarth won their two previous home fixtures and were neck and neck with Tylorstown the week before until a bad injury to the referee resulted in the game being abandoned.

Cowbridge were slow out of the blocks again and within the opening six minutes Penarth had broken through the defence. Their No 10 hit the crossbar from a penalty kick and the warning signs were there that Penarth were up for this.

On 14 minutes their right winger put over a penalty but two minutes later, on a rare venture in Penarth territory, Cowbridge were awarded a penalty that captain Ross Gibbon took quickly and he burst through defenders to dive over for an unconverted try.

At the midpoint Cowbridge were penalised for offside after wing Rhydian Williams launched a high kick but a player was ruled in front and from that penalty Penarth again took the lead.

Shortly after the kick off, and for the second time, their scrum half burst through tackles to make 35 metres before a tackle by full back Josh Thomas brought him down.

Cowbridge, in the opening 30 minutes, and by their standards, had been poor, but then from pressure at a scrum from Cowbridge, powerful No 8 Reuben Tucker drove for the line.

The next play was a lineout from which the pack drove over the line but despite protests were ruled to have been held up.

Five minutes before half-time, from a lineout 35 metres out, a great riposte came as flanker Dan Holder, excellent throughout, took a clean lineout, and scrum half Tom James got the ball away quickly to outside half Gareth Williams-Davies.

He popped it to Tucker outside him and at pace he broke through tacklers to link again with Williams-Davies who ran in under the posts. Thomas added the extras.

For the next five minutes, Cowbridge shone with James firing the ball away from rucks and mauls and players linking. Spurning a kickable chance Cowbridge kicked to touch but the lineout went astray and the half ended 6-12.

Cowbridge were soon attacking in the second half with Hywel Williams returning to scrum half and James to centre.

Gibbon took a flat pass in the Penarth 22 and broke through, then offloaded to prop John Bater who crashed into the goal post before dropping down to ground the ball, but the referee ruled a forward pass.

Shortly after that, looking to the open side but passing inside, Williams-Davies sent prop George Thomas through a gap and he looked to be going over but was brought down three metres out.

Changes saw Zac Summerhayes on for Will Williams and Huw Lougher on for Sam Stevens. In between was a great break by Hywel Williams, relieving pressure on the Cowbridge 22 to take play upfield.

At the mid-point their scrum half was at it again, taking a quick penalty, and he dived over. Thomas came to the touchlines and young Harrison Ashby came on for his first senior game.

Then from a scrum, Hywel Williams broke to the right, was caught but got the pass out to Summerhayes who flew down the wing to cross.

After a typical performance hooker Craig Boxall came off and Rhys Price on.

Cowbridge continued to press and with the penalty count in Penarth's favour, the players were frustrated with no real action was taken after a Penarth player got under Holder at the lineout, and more so when Rhydian Williams got around his opposite number and passed to Williams-Davies, who ran down the touchline and in the 22, chipped ahead, but was clearly interfered with. The final score was 11-17.

Penarth belied their ninth place position in the league with a strong performance. Cowbridge had been good in parts but in between basics let them down.

On a positive note it was great to see Jamie Bennett back in action after injury and David Popham making it two games in a row. Both will be much needed in the weeks ahead.

Youngster Harrison Ashby had several strong runs down the wing and one in the midfield to show there is much more to come from him.

This Saturday we take on Penygraig who have been going well with a fine victory at Pentrych in the Bowl last Saturday.

Thanks to those who travelled to Penarth and we need all of you over the next few weeks.

The seconds are trying to arrange a game this Saturday - please contact the club on Thursday for more details. The youth are also believed to be in action at home.

RK/RV

Cricket club warm up for new season

COWBRIDGE Cricket Club look forward to the new season, and hope to improve on last year's second-place finish in Division One of the west Wales league and gain promotion.

The second XI play in Division Five and senior players also play in the Wednesday Cardiff and Vale T20 League, and the sides are hoping to recruit new players to strengthen the squad

Indoor nets for junior players, held in Cowbridge Comprehensive School's sports hall, begin on January 23 for 10 weeks (no session on January 30).

Under-9s (school years 3 and 4) 5.30pm-6.30pm, under-11s (school years 5 and 6) 6.30pm-7.30pm and under-13s and under-15s (school years 7, 8, 9 and 10) 7.30pm-8.30pm.

For more information contact chairman Hugh Williams on 07710 438937.

HW

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

IT was a good night for Cedric Simmonite and the Edmondes A on Tuesday, January 8, as the season resumed after the holiday break.

Cedric Simmonite hit a 116 three-dart-out in the Edmondes A 6-3 win over the One Town Hall; this is the highest out achieved so far this season.

In the other league matches the Edmondes C beat the Red Lion Inn 6-3, the Highwayman Inn beat the Llanharry 6-3 and the Victoria Inn beat the Farmers Arms 7-2.

In the additional match the Edmondes B defeated the Hairy Farmers again by the popular score of the evening, 6-3.

The league standings, at the halfway point, are: Edmondes B (61 points), Highwayman Inn (55), Edmondes A (48), Farmers Arms and Victoria Inn (46), Llanharry (42), Hairy Farmers (38), One Town Hall Square (29), Edmondes C (28) and Red Lion Inn.

Next week, Tuesday, January 22, the Victoria Inn will host the Commemorative Cup competition.

This is a knockout competition involving mixed teams of three players - all matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: *www.darts.apsn.co.uk*.

PJT

Old Hall Bridge Club results

THE results for Old Hall Bridge Club for January 2 are:

First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis.

On January 9: first, John Raymond and Allan Lewis; second, Ann Miller and Teri Pollard.

TP

Porthcawl Bridge Club latest news

TO bring the festive season to a close, Porthcawl Bridge Club held its New Year party to which members brought their surplus Christmas fayre, with the club providing the wine. Thanks to all who contributed.

Recent results are as follows:

December 20: First, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant; second, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

December 22: First, Pat Roper and Janet Richards; second, Dave and Debbie Lea.

January 3: First, Roger Draper and Rory Gibbons; second, Norma and Dave Newman.

January 5, New Year Party: First,Trish Saunders and Janet Richards; second, John Beard and Tony Haworth.

January 10: First, Rob Charlesworth and John Beard; second, Dil and Marian Evans.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays (6.45pm – 9.45pm) and Saturdays (3.15pm – 6.15pm) and visitors are welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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League leaders prove too good for Llantwit Major

TOP dogs Canton arrived at The Recreation Ground with their tales up having the enviable record of being unbeaten all season and picking up a plethora of bonus points on the way.

They proved why they are running away with the league with a strong and resolute performance despite Llantwit Major RFC pushing them all the way.

In fact it was the Blood and Blacks who were often in the lead and dominated, as in recent games, in many facets of the game.

The first period was an edgy affair with both teams having an aggressive go at each other's lines but the opposing, and just as aggressive, defence was more than enough to subdue the attacks. As is often the case, the kickers started trading points.

With Llantwit playing towards the School End they used a strong and bitterly cold wind to their advantage with two out of three attempts from centre Jack Austin, the big centre taking over the duties in the absence of regular kickers Loz Howley and Ryan Evans.

It was then that Llantwit started to dominate particularly in first phases where they were started to turn the screw on their opponents. A good scrum on the Canton 10-metre line gave the Llantwit back line a chance to stretch their legs and some lovely crisp passing from scrum half Connor Morgan and outside half Kian Spillane, with some nice dummy runners, saw full back Josh Austin come into the line and make good distance into the 22 before being hauled down.

It was then time for big boys to do their stuff with lock Shaun Shea and captain, prop Geraint David, both making deep charges into the fray. Some excellent clearing out gave nine, 10 and 15 a chance to link up again and stretch the defence further.

Then, as the Canton defence held up well it was time for patience, something lacking in recent games but which shone here as just metres from the line, Llantwit went through a further 10 phases as they edged forward and stretched their attacks across the field until hooker Huw Williams bobbed and weaved and finally scrambled over for a great team try. Jack Austin adding the two points.

As has often been the case this season, just as they had worked hard for the score, they then give teams a lifeline back into the the game. They were soon back-pedalling into their own 22 as Canton sniffed a try their own.

The defence looked assured until they were penalised and subsequently down to 14 men for going into the side at a driving maul.

The visitors took no time to gain advantage crossing not once but twice to leave the game perilously close at 13-15 at the break.

The second half started well for Llantwit as they continued their dominance in the first phases of the lineout and scrummage. A driving lineout maul trundling nicely to the Canton line was stopped by the visitors coming into the side of the maul.

The resultant penalty only earned a ticking off from the official compared to the yellow in the first half.

Canton then came battling back once again, but Llanwit managed a great turnover with centre Jack Austin going from hero to villain in a split second as he broke through only to throw a reckless offload in front of his posts which Canton said thank you very much to and they crossed for a seven-point present.

Llantwit weren't out yet though and came back strongly with a period of good possession in the Canton half, rewarded with a penalty try such was the dominance of the home scrum, the scoreline moving to 20-22 in Canton's favour.

This was when the visitors showed why they are top dogs in this league as they kept a battling Llantwit penned back in their own half for the majority of the last period. Llantwit had to suffer a further dent in their pride before the final whistle as Canton's now-14 men crossed once again when poor defending allowed a gap too big for the visitors to not expose as they once again crossed for a bonus point try.

The embarrassment did not end there either as centre Jack Austin let his own frustrations and a complete lack of discipline get the better of him as he was red carded for abusing the match official in the dying moments of the game.

Man of the Match for Llantwit was outside half Kian Spillane who, despite carrying several injuries stepped up to the mark and had a solid game with some delightfully lovely deft passing at times.

Another highly entertaining game then for the Llantonians but yet again they were left with the thoughts of what could and might have been once against one of the top teams.

You can not fault the passion and endeavour but they really need to start learning from this habit of not being able to maintain what is a very impressive tempo of play, which mostly comes from poor game management.

All is not over though and threre is plenty of good rugby to be played out still. To the future they must now look and it is just small margins they need to improve before they can reap the rewards of their hard work.

A further observation made by our statistician over the weekend was that out of the squad of 20 that all played on Saturday, 18 were raised or bred in our town, a seriously good accomplishment which arguably not many clubs if any in the entire country could brag about.

An appraisal, not just for the senior rugby, but the foundations that were laid by our youth team, our mini and junior sections and local schools and their army of volunteers.

AH